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ST. ANDREW'S DAY IN HONG KONG.

A GREAT TIME FOR FRIENDS OF SCOTLAND.

BY A COCKNEY SASSENAOCH.

When we lived in London we always thought of the Union Jack as the "English" flag. We spoke of the "English" pioneers overseas. The word "British" was seldom heard. Even now there is a difficulty in deciding whether Jenkins and Robinson are "Britons" or "Britishers." We know that the MacPhersons and MacDonalds are to be called "Scots" but Robinson must be careful about the use of the word "English." If he made a speech in the Far East and thoughtlessly said "the English planted trees on the barren rock of Hong Kong, etc.," he would soon be corrected. A voice—indeed, several voices—would call out "British" and the voices would have that unmistakable accent which we associate with haggis and kilts.

In London we listened to the pantomime jokes about the Scotch, but we never seemed to meet anyone who did not speak the English language. A very likeable acquaintance once confessed that he had come to London, thirty years ago, from Glasgow. "But you spread your holidays at Cromer and you have told me that you intend to settle down in Surrey when you retire," I said. For the first time I heard him use his Glasgow dialect, which it is impossible to reproduce. I understood him to say that he still loved Scotland, but he had got used to London life and he wanted to live near his children who worked in London. "And," he added, "you can read Bobbie Burns in London as well as in Glasgow." If Dickens created the modern Christmas, Burns created the present day sentiment for Scotland "what do they know of England who only 'England know'." In London you think that England runs the Empire. You have to go abroad to realise that Scotland still survives as a separate nationality.

Particularly is the Englishman made aware of the distinction between the Scottish and the English on St. Andrew's night. St. Andrew is called the patron saint of Scotland, but in actual fact Robert Burns is the real heroic figure. Burns was not altogether a saint; above all else he was human and your true Scot is a very human and likeable sort. St. Andrew has, of course, a much more respectable history than St. George. The latter was not an Englishman and he was a war profiteer. All of the business about the dragon was just eyewash—an attempt to make a heroic figure out of an ordinary man who had rather a popular name. The Hanoverian Kings who ruled England (and Scotland) were lucky to have the name of George. The only Scottish Kings that have ruled Great Britain had names often used in English families—James and Charles.

LOCAL COLOUR.

This year our Scottish friends are in luck's way. We have now in Hong Kong a regiment with tartan trousers, bagpipes and some "Kilties." During the last few weeks wherever we went the shrill cry of the bagpipes was heard.

On Sunday the writer was in Garden Road at about 11 a.m. and again at noon. At 11 a.m. two pipers headed a body of men in step despite the efforts of the pipers to distract them.

At noon there was almost a collision between three different sections of Scottish warriors. One party came out of the cathedral compound to the strains of a brass band. At that moment we heard the bagpipes and caught the rousing tune "Up with the bonnets of Bonnie Dundee." That lot were swinging past the Peak Tram Station—mind you, they seemed to march better behind the bagpipes than did their brothers in arms behind the brass band.

In a few minutes we heard another shrill cry of the pipes—behold! this is our own local effort. Our Hong Kong Volunteer soldiers are always popular. Captain Donald Logan, M.C., and his men came behind the pipes—not "merrie men" for they had just come away from the discourse of the Rev. Kirk Macdonald; he must have given it to them hot and strong judging from the serious expressions on their faces. A little later we saw this year's Chieftain—he looked very thoughtful as he walked along Garden Road. Was he thinking over "the minister's discourse" or was he composing to-night's oration? Anyhow he was thinking hard enough to be working up a theological argument for the minister when next they meet.

WONDERFUL HOSTS.

We unregenerate Englishmen repeat with great gusto all the jokes that the Scots make up against themselves. We trot out the yarn about the Scot who fried his bacon in lux so that it should not shrink and we know quite well that our most generous friends are Scotch. We tell stories about how a Scot saw a joke a week after anyone else and we

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BRITISH SOCIETY WOMAN AND MUSSOLINI.

TO BE TRIED FOR CRITICISING. POLITICALLY UNIMPORTANT.

Mrs. Algernon Sladen, a niece of Lord Dunsmore, V.C., well known in London Society circles, is, says a copy of the *Freemason's Gazette*, to hand, to be tried in Italy on a charge of making Socialist utterances against Signor Mussolini.

This is a sequel to Mrs. Sladen's arrest at Volosca, near Fiume, on October 3rd, when she was imprisoned for three days. She is at present on bail.

Mrs. Sladen is a daughter of Mr. J. D. Cobbold, an Ipswich banker, and Lady Evelyn Cobbold, sister of the Earl of Dunsmore. Major Algernon Sladen is a cousin of General Lord Cavan. Capt. Cobbold, Mrs. Sladen's brother, married Lady Blanche Cavendish, daughter of the Duke of Devonshire.

The first news of Mrs. Sladen's arrest was contained in a letter written by her in prison to Mrs. Reginald Coke, of Carlyle-square; Chelsea, a relative of hers and a sister of Mr. Mark Hambourg, the pianist.

Couple on Motor Trip.

Mrs. Sladen and her husband left England at the end of July for a Continental motor trip. Mrs. Coke told a *Freemason's Gazette* representative, "and they were accompanied by Capt. Arthur Mills and Lady Dorothy Mills (daughter of the Earl of Orford). The parties each went their own way in August, and nothing more of Mr. and Mrs. Sladen was heard until 6th October."

"On that day I received a letter from her, written in French, and headed: 'The Prison, Volosca.' In the letter Mrs. Sladen said that she was imprisoned on an accusation of speaking against Mussolini.

"I at once got in touch with her other relatives and friends, and understood that efforts were being made over in Italy to secure her release.

"The Foreign Office, I understand, subsequently received news that Mrs. Sladen had been released after about three days' imprisonment—on bail, as it now appears."

"Where Mr. and Mrs. Sladen are now is not certain, as they are constantly travelling abroad and consequently have no home in England. They have a flat in Villa al Mare. Mrs. Sladen's father and mother are at present away from their home in Ipswich."

I imagine, however, that efforts will be made to ensure that she does not have to return to Italy for the trial, if she has left the country."

Mrs. Sladen, she concluded, was a woman with pronounced ideas, and took a great interest in problems that affected humanity.

An official of the Foreign Office said that the matter was regarded as unimportant. "The Italian authorities are, we understand, proceeding with the arrangements for the trial in a very leisurely manner," he added, "and there is every reason for anticipating that the trial will result in nothing more than a nominal fine."

When the lad (or the lassie) who has come out to Hong Kong direct from Scotland arrives here we notice his quaint words and intonation at once. As the years go by he is conquered—he speaks like a very Englishman. When he has made his pile he talks about living in England—unless he is very rich, when he buys a castle in Scotland and spends most of the year away from it. It is a pathetic thought, that broadcasting may carry the real English language into the glens of Scotland.

The chieftain this year must say something about Burns. For Burns will keep alive words that will always be immortal, such as

"To make a happy fireside clime"
"To weans and wife"
"That's the true pathos and sublime"
"Of human life."

The chieftain must not forget Stevenson. "Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind. Speak us to our friends, soften us to our enemies."

In this little island we need "courage and gaiety" in these difficult times. On St. Andrew's night we will remember some of those great names associated with the development of British interests in China. We shall find that the majority of them are Scottish. Two great hearted managers of "the Bank" were splendid examples of the best that is bred in Scotland. Jackson and Stephen knew how to persevere (like King Bruce) and they were generous and sentimental as Burns and R. L. Stevenson.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.
St. Andrew's Day.
Japanese Sample Fair, China Building.
Sanitary Board Mtg., 4.15 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, 9.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Alaskan."
World Theatre: "My Old Dutch."
Star Theatre: "Changing Husbands."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe and Siberia (Tientsin), 2.30 p.m.; Europe and Siberia (Swan Mau), 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday.
Japanese Sample Fair, China Building.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club v. K.O.S.B., U.S.R.C. ground, 4.45 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Alaskan."
World Theatre: "The Iron Horse."
Star Theatre: "Changing Husbands."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (Empress of Asia).

Thursday.
Annual Street Sale of Roses for Society of St. Vincent de Paul for poor of Hong Kong.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Jumble Sale Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, for Charitable Objects.
Ladies' Night, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.
Queen's Theatre: "The Dangerous Maid."
World Theatre: "The Iron Horse."
Star Theatre: "My Old Dutch."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe and Siberia (Tientsin), 11.30 a.m.

Friday.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Dangerous Maid."
World Theatre: "The Iron Horse."
Star Theatre: "My Old Dutch."

Saturday.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Cricket and Football (details in Saturday's issue).
Yachting: Reserved for re-sale or other race.
Golf: Saturday to Monday—Captain's Cup.
Boxing Tournament, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.
Dance Craigengower Cricket Club, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Dangerous Maid."
World Theatre: "The Iron Horse."
Star Theatre: "My Old Dutch."
Principal Mails:—Outward: America and Canada, and Europe via America (President Taft), 6 p.m.; Australia and New Zealand (Tanda), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.
St. John Ambulance Brigade Field Day at Shek O.
Yachting: 1st Championship race for Cruisers.
Golf: 1st and 2nd rounds of Championship.
Annual Fête of St. Vincent de Paul Society, R.C. Cathedral Compound, 8.30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Monday.
Land Sale P.W.D., 3 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Lecture: "Chinese Names," by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, America, etc., Europe via Victoria, B.C., and via Siberia (President Jackson), 3.30 p.m.; Australia and New Zealand (Calcutta), 5 p.m.

To Secretaries.
[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the *Daily Press* for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

WELSH MANSION BURNED DOWN.

SERVANTS' NARROW ESCAPE.

Damage which cannot be accurately estimated, but which may run into thousands of pounds, was caused by fire on November 4th at Pas in Inn mansion, at Llangennech, on the borders of Carmarthenshire and Glamorgan, owned by Mr. Henry Morton G. Evans. The mansion had been undergoing repairs and decoration, and only three maids were sleeping in. An employee who saw the outbreak from a window of the estate office immediately gave the alarm, and the servants were able to reach safety. They were joined by neighbours, including many unemployed miners from villages near by, and their efforts resulted in the salvage of a considerable quantity of furniture from the front rooms of the mansion. The fire brigade quickly reached the scene, but the pressure of water was insufficient, and they were greatly handicapped in their efforts to control the blaze. Gradually the flames got the upper hand, and eventually the roof fell in.

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Our London Letter.

THE BRITISH FILM INDUSTRY.

BIG CROSSWORD PRIZES:
WILL TRADE UNION LAW BE
CHANGED?

A BRITISH NAVAL FILM:

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, November 5th.
A hundred vivid glimpses of life in the British Navy are given in the new British film, "The Flag Lieutenant" which has been shown for the first time at the New Gallery Cinema in Regent Street. The play may be described as light-hearted comedy-drama. It is a first-rate entertainment, and also the type of film most desirable. The Admiralty permitted many scenes to be taken on board H.M.S. Tiger, and I am glad to say there have been few more beautiful or intriguing sights seen as yet on the screen.

There is the majestic background of the British Navy, and a cleverly-projected tale of a gay and genial young Flag-Lieutenant, a manly type of hero, and a charming film sweetheart who, as an Admiral's daughter, shows much natural grace and breeding. The heroine in question is Miss Lillian Oldland; and I have heard the just comment that film stars anywhere might with advantage study her deportment to learn how a nice English girl walks, talks, accepts a dance and shakes hands. Britons overseas ought to see this picture. They are bound to like it.

Another big British film is projected, and this too is related to the Navy. It is to tell the story of the battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands. The Admiralty have co-operated with the support of the bodies that have been at work to revive British films. Scenes will be taken on battleships, and it is hoped to get this film on the screens of the world.

Important to the Empire.

The importance of British films depicting British ideals and habits of life and thought is becoming more truly realised here. A couple of years ago one seldom heard the subject discussed; now never a week passes without a number of articles in the Press on the subject. It is all to the good, as the result must be to create a public opinion favourable to the support of British productions.

A gentleman from Australia who is in London on business tells me that in his opinion many of the Hollywood films shown in Australia for lack of anything better, seem deliberately designed to work up prejudice against the British name. In these precious creations the Englishman is invariably made up to play the part of a fool, or the rogue, or the imbecile. Films of a salacious kind, and holding up the white man to ridicule and contempt, are exhibited to native races everywhere.

The Crosswords Puzzle Craze.

Instead of getting out of favour by the public becoming tired of it, the crossword puzzle craze is going stronger than ever, if that be possible. It is said that it is responsible for a million extra letters daily passing through the post office in London, according to an investigation made a few days ago. For years the G.P.O. have had a special division for dealing with what is known as competition work; but of late it has been necessary to organise a special department for crossword puzzles. The present year has been a record one.

Probably the explanation is that for some months past big prizes have been offered for correct solutions. Some of these competitions for successfully juggling with words carry \$1,000 as the first prize, and hundreds for second place. In many instances syndicates are running them, and in other cases they are promoted by newspapers. An entrance of one shilling usually is required, and evidently there is plenty of money in it over and above what is paid out in prizes. An official at the G.P.O. states that last week the special department referred to above dealt with 1,914,000 entries in the one day. In the City alone there are at present about 50 competitions in progress.

Women Jurors.

The question is raised whether women are more indiscreet than men? This is asked because on taking his seat in the High Court Mr. Justice Finlay requested two women jurors to leave the box. The learned and tactful judge himself gave no reason for his action beyond saying that his attention had been called to an "incident" which did not reflect the least discredit on those concerned; but as may be supposed one of the women afterwards made public what the "incident" was. It seems that she had a conversation with the plaintiff in the case. Both women said they saw when too late that it was a silly thing to do, but they did it without any thought about the matter.

It is obvious that the learned Judge was right in the course he took. It would never do to allow jurors to talk to litigants while a case was proceeding. I believe it is a fact that the great majority of men and women realise this, and say nothing to the parties, at any rate until the trial is over. Perhaps women are more apt to discuss their experiences in strange surroundings than men when the first opportunity offers. Women have only been called upon to serve as jurors since they were given the vote; and it may be that some of them have not yet had time to get accustomed to the full responsibilities of citizenship.

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Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$1.54 nom.
Do. (new)	\$1.54 nom.
China Buses	\$1.9 buy.
Hongkong Tramways	\$2.4 buy.
Peak Tram (old)	\$1.15 nom.
Do. (new)	\$7.50 nom.
Singapore Tractions	\$1.5 sel.
Tams	\$1 sel.
Amusements	\$16 buy.
Canton Ice	\$5 nom.
Cemets (combined)	\$1.1 nom.
Do. (old)	\$9 nom.
Do. (new)	\$9 nom.
China Lights (combined)	\$19 sel.
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Do. (new)	\$11 nom.
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Dairy Farms	\$12 buy.
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EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, November 28th.

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Geneva	23.14
Berlin	20.41
Oslo	19.06
Helsingfors	192.9/16
Rio	6.1/32
Shanghai	2/5
Brussels	34.86
Milan	144
Copenhagen	18.22
Prague	163.11/16
Lisbon	2.17/32
Bombay	1/535/32
Kobe	2/0.9/32
New York	4.85
Amsterdam	12.13
Stockholm	18.17
Vienna	24.41
Madrid	32.03
Buenos Aires	45
Hong Kong	1/11
Silver (spot)	25.7/16
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

Trade Unions and the Law.

In a recent article I referred to the strong demand by the Conservative Party's conference at Scarborough to the Government to amend the law relating to Trade Unions in order to cut the claws of agitators. The Prime Minister, who was present, promised earnest consideration of the subject. But to the surprise of many Conservatives and others who see the need for reform it appears that Ministers are lukewarm. A Committee of the Cabinet are considering the pros and cons, and have drawn up tentative proposals. These do not, however, include any provision to ensure that a secret ballot is taken before any stoppage in industry occurs. It is admitted that the technical and legal difficulties are great, but many Members of Parliament are anxious that every effort should be made to overcome them.

It is argued that, if the Trade Union law is to be amended, as in the light of recent events, it is agreed that it must be amended, then the survey and reform should be thorough and complete. It is argued to be hoped that the proposals which the Government will submit may be such as to be definite and comprehensive.

In Conservative circles it is urged that compromise should be resisted, or, some day, the work will have to be done all over again. Mr. Baldwin has a majority behind him strong enough to override any opposition on the part of the Labour Party. His weakness is that he is too easy-going; he always endeavours to avoid a row if that can be done, even when firm action is obviously essential.

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EXTRALITY COMMISSION'S REPORT.

FIVE MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS.

SEVERAL IMMEDIATE MODIFICATIONS ADVOCATED.

ATTITUDE OF CHINESE MEMBERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, November 28th.

The Foreign Office has this evening issued Part Four of the Extra-Territoriality Commission's report consisting of the Commissioners' recommendations. The Commissioners express the opinion that when these recommendations have been reasonably complied with, the several Powers would be warranted in relinquishing their respective rights of extra-territoriality. They declare that it is understood, that upon the relinquishment of "extrality" the nationals of the Powers concerned will enjoy freedom of residence and trade and civil rights in all parts of China in accordance with the general practice in intercourse among nations, and upon a fair and equitable basis.

Inviolates.

The first recommendation declares that the administration of justice with respect to the civilian population of China must be entrusted to a judiciary, which will be effectively protected against any interference by the Executive or other branches of government, whether civil or military.

Improved Courts and Prisons.

The second recommendation urges the adoption of a programme for the improvement of the existing legal, judicial and prison systems, and suggests that the Chinese Government should consider Parts One and Three of the Report with a view to making such amendments and taking such action as may be necessary to meet the observations there made. After enumerating a number of laws which it is recommended should be completed and enforced, the Commissioners urge the Government to extend the system of modern courts, prisons and detention houses with a view to the elimination of the old-style magistrates courts, prisons and detention houses and to make adequate financial provision therefor.

The third recommendation suggests that prior to the reasonable compliance with all the recommendations above-mentioned but after the principal items thereof have been carried out, the Powers concerned, if so desired by the Chinese Government, might consider the abolition of "extrality" according to such progressive scheme as may be agreed upon.

Interim Modifications.

The fourth recommendation suggests, that pending the abolition of "extrality," the Powers concerned, with the co-operation of the Chinese Government wherever necessary, should make certain modifications in the existing systems and practice of "extrality."

The fifth recommendation deals with the question of taxation and is as follows: "Pending the abolition of extrality, the nationals of the Powers concerned should be required to pay such taxes as may be prescribed in the laws and regulations duly promulgated by the competent authorities of the Chinese Government and recognized by the Powers concerned as being applicable to their nationals."

Immediate Modifications.

The suggested modifications in the fourth recommendation are:—

Firstly, that the Powers concerned should administer as far as practicable in their extra-territorial or Consular Courts such Chinese laws and regulations as they deem it proper to adopt.

Secondly, as a general rule, mixed cases as between nationals of the Powers concerned as plaintiffs and persons under Chinese jurisdiction as defendants should be tried before modern Chinese Courts (Shen pan ting) without the presence of a foreign assessor to watch the proceedings or otherwise to participate. With regard to the existing special Mixed Courts, their organization and procedure should, as far as the special conditions in the Settlements and Concessions warrant, be brought more in accord with the organization and procedure of the modern

Chinese judicial system. Lawyers who are nationals of extra-territorial Powers and who are qualified to appear before Extra-territorial or Consular Courts should be permitted, subject to the laws and regulations governing Chinese lawyers, to represent clients, foreign or Chinese in all mixed cases. No examination should be required as a qualification for practice in such cases.

Correcting Abuses.

Thirdly, extra-territorial Powers should correct certain abuses which have arisen through the extension of foreign protection to Chinese as well as to business and shipping interests, the actual ownership of which is wholly or mainly Chinese, and also the extra-territorial Powers which do not now require the compulsory periodical registration of their nationals in China should make provision therefor at definite intervals;

Mutual Assistance.

Fourthly, necessary arrangements should be made with regard to judicial assistance (including Commissions and rogatories) between the Chinese authorities and the authorities of extra-territorial Powers and between the authorities of the Powers themselves, as for example (a) all agreements between foreigners and persons under Chinese jurisdiction which provide for the settlement of civil matters by arbitration should be recognized, and all awards made in pursuance thereof should be enforced by extra-territorial or Consular Courts in the case of persons under their jurisdiction, except when in the opinion of the competent Court the decision is contrary to public order or good morals, and (b) satisfactory arrangements should be made between the Chinese Government and the Powers concerned for the prompt execution of judgments, summonses and warrants of arrest or search concerning persons under Chinese jurisdiction duly issued by Chinese Courts and certified by competent Chinese authorities, and vice versa.

CHINESE COMMENT.

Declaration by Dr. Wang.

In attaching his signature to the "Extrality" Report, Dr. Wang Chung Hui, on behalf of China, stated that "By signing this report my approval of all the statements contained in Parts One, Two and Three is not implied."

Dr. Wang Chung Hui has also issued a Declaration expressing disappointment that the Commission found it inexpedient to recommend immediate abolition of "extrality" owing to the present conditions of the country and says that in view of the sincere intentions and unremitting efforts of China during the past decade to improve the laws, the judicial system and methods of judicial administration, China had hoped that the Powers would recognize the advisability of relinquishing without delay all extra-territorial privileges enjoyed by their nationals. It is the firm intention of the Chinese Government, on its own initiative, to persist in the judicial reform programme, including the points mentioned in the recommendations. China is confident that when the Powers will, on receipt of notice to such an effect, open negotiations for the final abolition of "extrality." He appreciates as evidence of the Powers goodwill the recommendations respecting the immediate discontinuance of practices which are unwarranted by the Treaties, and other improvements in the existing relations, which will promote better understanding between Chinese and foreigners.

The declaration emphasizes that the earnest hope of the Chinese people is to see the extra-territorial régime abolished and replaced by a condition consonant with the sovereignty of their country, and this aspiration can be aided to fulfillment by a sympathetic attitude on the part of the Powers. The Chinese people confidently anticipate a further manifestation of that attitude and the early realization of their legitimate aspirations.

COAL DISPUTE.

WHAT BRITISH MINERS CAN DO.
AN OUTPUT RECORD.

A record for coal production in Britain since the beginning of the present century was established during the last week in October by the miners in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, who defied the Miners' Federation and went back to the pits.

Last week, says the *Daily Mail* of November 2nd, these men hewed, raised, and loaded 454,000 tons of coal, or almost one-half of the total quantity which was available from British collieries during the week.

This output was at the rate of six tons daily for every worker, underground or surface.

Even in Germany and the United States, where since the war the production per man has been very much higher than that of the British mine-worker, this figure has never been exceeded.

The answer to Mr. Cook.

Before the stoppage of the British mines six months ago one of the most emphatic claims of the Miners' Federation was that the miners of this country could not produce more than they were doing. The men who have ignored Mr. A. J. Cook are now proving that they can each raise 14 tons more a day than they did last April if given the opportunity and freedom to do so.

As a result of higher production the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire mine-owners have increased the wages rate in the district by 10 per cent.

\$1,000,000 CLAIM.

WINDING-UP OF GERMAN FIRM.
ECHO OF BEHN, MEYER & CO.
LIQUIDATION.

The winding-up during the war of the German firm of Behn Meyer & Co., who were formerly one of the largest mercantile houses in Singapore, is recalled by the departure for New York of Mr. H. D. Mundell, of Messrs. Sison and Delay, and Mr. J. A. Clarke, of Evans & Co. in connection with litigation involving \$1,000,000 (Straits).

It will be recalled that Behn Meyer & Co. were ordered to be wound up under the Alien Enemies Winding-Up Ordinances.

The firm in Singapore was accordingly liquidated, and when the United States came into the war, the Philippines branch of the firm was also liquidated, and the proceeds of that liquidation are at present held in America.

The question to be tried in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, New York, is whether the Singapore liquidators are entitled to those assets, which are also being claimed by the directors of Behn Meyer & Co. at Hamburg.

Mr. Clarke is one of the Singapore liquidators, and Mr. Mundell has been asked to give evidence as to the laws of the Straits Settlements and the progress of the liquidation in Singapore.—*Straits Times*.

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BRITISH BETS TAX AT WORK.

SOME INITIAL COMEDIES.

SYSTEM WORKS SMOOTHLY AT BIRMINGHAM AND WYE.

The *Daily Mail* of November 2nd gives an interesting and amusing account of the first day's working of the Bets Tax—at Birmingham (Hat) and Wye (jumping) races.

The collection of the tax in Tattersall's was comparatively simple, but in the cheaper enclosures bookmakers and backers were at first puzzled by the fractional deductions on small transactions and the necessity for using coppers.

As racing progressed the system operated smoothly.

Shy and nervous, bookmakers were in charge of chartered accountants at Birmingham Races, when the bets tax was enforced on a racecourse for the first time.

Just before the first race there was an unusual quiet both in Tattersall's and the Silver Ring. Nobody was shouting the odds, only the persistent voice of the optimistic tipster broke the unusual silence.

While their clerks staggered under loads of copper change, bookmakers toyed nervously with books of coloured tickets, or with hesitating fingers tapped out sums in mental arithmetic. Backers were more amused than concerned, and they gathered round the harassed bookmakers asking perplexing questions.

The Revenue tickets were made up in bundles of fifty valued as follows:

Pink, 1s. Orange, 10s.
Blue, 2s. White, 2l.
Green, 5s.

The Deductions.

Deductions on behalf of the tax were 2½ per cent. on winning bets only, the loser paying nothing on his stake. On bets up to 3s., one penny was deducted; 3s. to 5s., three halfpence; 5s. to 7s., twopenny; 7s. to 10s., threepence.

For example, if the backer had 5s. on a horse that won at odds of four to one, he would pay 6d. tax on the 20s. he won. In the Silver Ring the stake is usually so small that the bookmaker thought it would not pay him to reckon up parts of a penny.

Many of the larger bookmakers dispensed with tickets. They deducted the tax from the backer's winnings and paid 1 per cent. to an insurance company, who guaranteed them to the Revenue authorities, to whom their books are submitted every Friday.

That is the theory of the system employed on the Birmingham racecourse to-day, but in practice there was many a slip 'twixt the book and the tip. Small change was the chief obstacle. Until to-day coppers were never seen on a racecourse, but this afternoon only the penny-wise prevented the pound-looking foolish. The wise bookmakers had provided themselves with 10s. worth of coppers, 10s. worth of threepenny bits, and 25 worth of sixpences, and although business was not brisk they needed the change.

Comedies and a Good-Tempered Crowd.

The fun began immediately after the first race. "But, madam," said a polite but weary bookmaker to a stern-looking woman, "don't you understand that bets are now taxed. You had 10s. on Bella Do. It won at 8 to 1 and there is 24 8s. for you and 2s. for the tax."

"I am not a fool; I want 24 10s.," declared the stern woman, taking up an uncompromising position.

"But, madam, think," persisted the saddened layer. "If you had lost you would have paid nothing. As it is, you pay 2s. of your winnings to Winston Churchill. It doesn't go into my pocket but into Little Winnie's money-box."

They led the stern woman away uncomfited and unconvinced.

"What's the matter, Joe?" inquired a sympathetic colleague of a bookmaker who was going purple under some deep emotion.

DUCHESS OF YORK.

HER PICCADILLY HOUSE BEING
REMODELLED.

Such extensive structural alterations are being made to No. 145, Piccadilly, which is to be the London residence of the Duke and Duchess of York, that it will not be ready for them until they return from Australia next summer. Yesterday, says the *Daily Mail* of

Colour-Blind Clerk.

"Matter!" shouted the troubled layer. "Matter enough. I've just found out my blinking clerk is colour blind, and he can't tell a pink ticket from a green one."

After the second race the problem of change became embarrassing. "That will be 18s. 4d.; no, 15s. 9d.," said a puzzled clerk trying to work out 2½ per cent. on an each-way bet.

"When you have done playing shop perhaps we shall get paid," observed a sarcastic backer in the queue.

"The man must take me for a seidlitz powder," remarked a woman backer as she was handed a blue ticket.

Gradually the good humour of the crowd and the proverbial stuteness of the layers overcame the experimental difficulties, and shafts of humour were discharged at the tax in the Silver Ring. "Who will have a dip in Winston's lucky bag?" invited a cheerful layer, rattling his money satchel. "Get your coppers ready," was a popular appeal after each race.

Officials and Irregularities.

Tax officials visited the rings and dropped a hint here and a warning there, but they were inclined to overlook irregularities on this, the first day. Neither the crowd nor the betting was on the heavy side, and towards the end of the meeting seemed to have adapted themselves to the new conditions.

In Tattersall's, especially, the imposition of the tax, thanks to the insurance system, worked smoothly, only a simple sum in arithmetic being needed to deduct the tax from the sum actually won. If the bookmakers continue to pay the tax themselves and charge 2½ per cent. on winnings only there should be no difficulty in collecting the tax on racecourses.

Bookies do Well at Wye.

Wye, says the *Daily Mail* correspondent, is never an attraction for the "big" backer, but a bookmaker in Tattersall's told me frankly that he had taken more than £1,000 on the six races, and after paying the tax, amounting to £20, some of which he had recovered from the backers, he was satisfied that he would neither have to sell his motor-car nor smoke fewer cigars to keep in business.

Most of the other bookmakers agreed that their business had been "up to normal" for the meeting.

Two of the new Customs officials—ex-Detective-Inspectors Rose and Wagstaff—were present in plain clothes to watch the working of the tax, and at the end of the meeting declared that everything had worked satisfactorily. Only one bookmaker, other than those who had paid deposits to Customs authorities, was found working without the revenue tickets, and after explanations he quickly obtained some from the Customs office.

No Difficulty in Working.

"When the bookmakers decide on a uniform scheme for dealing with the tax it will work satisfactorily," said a Customs official afterwards. "There has been no appreciable falling off in the amount of betting."

Not one bookmaker of any standing would admit that the tax is likely to imperil his business. Most of them declared that they had found the method of collection surprisingly easy and that before the next flat-racing season opens it would be a matter of routine.

November 2nd, passing crowds peered through the open door at the unfinished work of remodelling the stairs in the pilared hall. The large conservatory at the side of the house, which is to be altered considerably, is now in the hands of the builders.

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THE PIRATING OF THE "SUNNING."

TWENTY ACCUSED AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT.

APPLICATION FOR BAIL REFUSED.

QUESTION OF HANDCUFFS RAISED BY SOLICITOR.

Led by a Chinese with a bandage around his head, and still wearing white blood-stained trousers, the twenty men held by the Police on charges arising out of the recent pirating of the China Navigation Company's s.s. *Sunning*, filed into the Court of the First Magistrate at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

Manacled together in pairs, and closely guarded by Chinese detectives, they took up their positions in front of the dock, and faced Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who was on the Bench. This was their second appearance in Court. Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, appeared on behalf of the Crown, and asked for a formal remand until Thursday at noon.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. King said that on Thursday the prosecution (which will be conducted by the Crown Solicitor) would be in a position to discuss the question of fixing a date for the first hearing.

Mr. G. A. Gordon Leask, of Messrs. Hall Brutton, appeared for the 19th defendant, known as "The Ningpo Man." Mr. Leo, d'Almada, of Messrs. Leo, d'Almada & Nephew, appeared for the second defendant, Lau Hong Kee.

Mr. M. K. Lo, of Messrs. Lo & Lo, appeared for the sixth defendant, So Tik Sai, and also represented ten other of the accused. Only seven men remain unrepresented by a solicitor. Mr. Lo was also instructed to represent four other men held by the police but subsequently released on bail, and not charged.

Bail Applied For.
Mr. Lo: I appreciate the fact that in a case such as this, your Worship will find it somewhat difficult to allow bail. In one case, however, I must submit a very strong application. This is the case against the sixth accused, So Tik Sai. I sent proof of the man's identity to the Crown Solicitor and I understand that the papers are at present in the hands of Mr. King. In making this application, I must necessarily disclose my defence.

Defendant is proprietor of a mason's shop in Aberdeen and in Amoy. He got the contract to make the grave of the late Mr. Ho Fook, and it was signed. He went up on a certain date specially in connection with this contract, and the first instalment of stone, nineteen pieces, was to have arrived on a certain date. The second instalment has arrived. Your Worship, defendant is a Fukien man, and Mr. To Si Tuen, who, as your Worship knows, is a very well-known business man of this Colony, and who has known defendant for a great number of years, as proprietor of this shop, will tell your Worship that he went up to Amoy for the purpose I have stated. Mr. Ho Wing (a son of the late Mr. Ho Fook), will give similar evidence in corroboration.

I am not only prepared to produce cash security for almost any amount that your Worship may determine, but I am in a position to produce sureties from men well-known to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs—men whose integrity is beyond question.

Question of Identification.
I understand, continued Mr. Lo, that the case against So Tik Sai is that he was identified by somebody, and it might or might not be a *prima facie* case that will be made out on this evidence. But your Worship will understand that, in this case, the probability exists of mistaken identity. I recall when I first went to England, that I thought every one there was absolutely alike, but I found out, after a while, that this was not so. I take it that is the same difficulty with Europeans when it comes to seeing Chinese for the first time.

Mr. Lindsell: It is possible he has been identified by his own countrymen.

Mr. Lo: Well, subject to Mr. King's correction, I think not.

Mr. King: He has been identified by one of his countrymen.

Mr. Lo said that in view of Mr. King's statement, he would withdraw the suggestion he made in regard to the difficulty of identification, but as he had laid all his cards on the table, and indicated his defence, he would now furnish the strong grounds on which, he submitted, bail should be allowed, and the precautions offered for securing prisoner's presence at any time required. He would produce the guarantee of persons and of shops whose names were fully approved by the authorities and by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. He was not asking bail to be granted of an amount or in a form which did not meet with the satisfaction of the authorities.

The Crown Oppose.
Mr. King: I must oppose this application, your Worship. I do not know whether your Worship wishes to open the case in any way at this stage. I am satisfied that this man has been in business in Hong Kong, as Mr. Lo says, and for many years. And I am also satisfied that he had gone up to Amoy, some times for several months. But he has

been pointed out and identified in such a way that it presents my acquiescing in bail for him of any amount. It is not for me to say the evidence will be sufficient for a conviction, but on the evidence of identification I do not feel justified in agreeing to any question of bail.

Mr. Lindsell: Mr. Lo will agree with the seriousness of the charge.

Mr. King: I can read the evidence of identification of one witness if your Worship says so. This is the evidence of a Chinese woman passenger on board. I give an extract:—"I surely remember this fellow. He had a gun. He searched in passengers' rooms. He came to my cabin; the second, after some one else had taken my valuables. He asked me if I had any more. This took place after dark."

This is an extract in the evidence, to which I am bound, from a woman passenger on board from Shanghai. He is also identified by the Captain of the ship, who pointed him out as a pirate. The Captain has been on the China Coast for a large number of years.

No Bail.
Mr. Lindsell (to Mr. Lo): That sounds like a *prima facie* case against your client.

Mr. Lo replied that it seemed so, but he reminded the Magistrate that he had not heard all these things when he sent his letter to Mr. King.

Mr. Lindsell: Bail refused. Defendants all remanded until 12 noon on Thursday, formal.

His Worship directed that when the accused next appeared before him, they all should be numbered with small cards tied to their necks.

The Handcuff Question.
Mr. Lo: I do not know what will happen when the trial opens. I notice that the defendants are handcuffed. I think I am right in saying that this is contrary to practice.

His Worship: I was asked about it. In view of the serious nature of the charge, I thought that every consideration should be shown to the Police.

Mr. King: It is merely a matter of saving policemen: the men will not be handcuffed when the case is opened.

Mr. d'Almada: We might release the handcuffs if we closed the doors.

Mr. Lo (hastily): I should strongly oppose anything of the kind.

Mr. Lindsell: I am afraid I should object to that.

The accused were then taken back to the gaol.

"SUNNING'S" PIRACY ECHO.

RUSSIAN LADY'S PLUCK REWARDED.

The Committee of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club gave a dance on Saturday night at the Clubhouse, for the benefit of Mrs. Prokofier, the Russian lady passenger on the ill-fated *Sunning*, who had all her belongings stolen by the pirates.

At the conclusion of the dance, Mr. Geo. Duncan, who took a leading part in the fight with the pirates and was in charge of the boat in which the lady passenger and a few others left the burning vessel, spoke of the amazing pluck showed by Mrs. Prokofier throughout. He said that this lady acted like a "brick," and was of great assistance to the officers during the fight. Mr. Duncan further stated that her case was a most deserving one, and that he was glad to see that so many ladies and gentlemen had responded to the urgent needs of this "stranger in a strange land."

Mr. Duncan also thanked those who helped in the sale of the tickets, and made a special mention of the ladies who generously provided the refreshments, and the "Lyric Band," for their services, rendered gratis.

The exact amount resulting from the dance is not yet known, but it is expected to be well over \$500. A detailed statement will be published later.

Mrs. Prokofier will leave for Australia on December 4th.

CONCEALED OPIUM.

SEQUEL TO DISCOVERY ON S.S. "HAI CHING."

COMPANY FINED FOR IMPORTATION.

A sequel to the recent discovery of opium on the Douglas Steamship Co.'s s.s. *Hai Ching*, which plies regularly between Hong Kong, Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, took place at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik & Company, general managers for the Douglas Steamship Company, were summoned by Chief Preventive Officer Clarke, on behalf of the Imports and Exports Department, for unlawfully using the s.s. *Hai Ching* for the importation, landing, removal, carriage, conveyance and storage, or exportation of 360 taels of raw opium, and 4,245 taels of prepared opium, on Wednesday, November 17th.

This haul, which was made by Chief Preventive Officer Clarke and other Revenue Officers when the *Hai Ching* was searched on her arrival here from Amoy and Swatow, is valued at several thousand dollars, as was mentioned recently, when the seizure was reported.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke gave evidence of the seizure, and explained that the drug was found neatly packed in a box which had been fixed in a coal bunker, and concealed by several feet of coal. Witness also advanced his opinion as to how the packages of opium had been introduced into the box. C.P.O. Clarke added that the box was affixed to a tank which formerly contained oil, when the *Hai Ching* was an oil burning vessel. He also stated that the officers of the steamer gave every assistance to the Revenue Officers.

Asked by Mr. M. H. Turner, who appeared for the defence, in what way he considered the defendants had offended against the Ordinance, C.P.O. Clarke replied that his instructions were to issue summonses in all such cases as these Revenue Officers had to suspect that some one on the ship had been concerned in attempting to smuggle opium.

C.P.O. Clarke added that in this case he had not formed suspicions against anybody in particular.

Captain's Evidence.

Captain Stuart, Master of the *Hai Ching*, said that he had been in the employ of the owners for 23 years, and had been a Master of their vessels for the last 17 years. This was the first time his owners had been summoned under the opium Ordinance.

Witness went on to explain the precautions which were always taken with a view to preventing the smuggling of all drugs, etc. He said there were four Indian guard, and three Officers, and both officers and crew were always instructed to be on the look out for the smuggling of drugs. It was customary for the officers to make an examination of the steamer on leaving every port. This was done on the voyage in question, both when the *Hai Ching* left Amoy, and also on leaving Swatow.

Prior to the discovery of this opium, he had no reason to suspect that there was any on board, or that any of his officers or crew were concerned in smuggling the drug. This was not his old crew, but a crew obtained after the strike. Coaling was always done at Hong Kong, and at night on the termination of each trip. Therefore, when the steamer arrived back at Hong Kong the coal in the bunker was always lower than at any other time. On this occasion the coal still covered the box in which the opium was found, and he had reason to believe that there would always have been sufficient coal in the bunker to cover it.

Witness said in answer to questions, that he believed the box must have been affixed in the bunker on the occasion of the last "chipping" of the bunker about 1924. He was unaware of its existence.

Since the discovery of the opium in question, the No. 1 fireman had disappeared.

Corroborative evidence was also given by the second engineer of the *Hai Ching*, Mr. J. Murray Scott.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Turner said he was not going to pretend that one of the crew of the steamer had not been concerned in the concealment and attempt at smuggling the opium. That was indicated by the disappearance of the No. 1 fireman. He (Mr. Turner) was there to plead mitigation.

Mr. Turner, in addressing his Worship, said while he admitted that the Company came within the four walls of Section 21 of the Ordinance, he submitted that it was not a flagrant case. Nothing short of actually moving coal out of the bunkers on every voyage would have shown where the box was concealed. Therefore, he asked his Worship to take as lenient a view as possible.

In answer to Mr. Lindsell, C.P.O. Clarke said that the Douglas Steamship Company had never had a summons of this character brought against them before.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$250, and ordered the confiscation of the opium.

DUTCH HONOUR FOR MR. LO CHUNG WAN.

CONSUL-GENERAL ON VALUE OF GOOD COMPRADEORE.

H.M. Queen Wilhelmina has appointed Mr. Lo Chung Wan, compradore of the Netherlands Trading Society in Hong Kong, an Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau by Royal Decree of the 2nd September last.

The presentation of the insignia of the Order was performed at the Netherlands Consulate-General on Saturday, by Mr. M. J. Quist, the Netherlands Consul-General, in the presence of a number of friends, Chinese, Dutch, and other nationalities.

The Consul-General, in the course of his speech, said:—The Queen of the Netherlands has been pleased to appoint Mr. Lo Chung Wan an Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau, and this news, I am sure, has caused general satisfaction in the Dutch Community.

The reason why this honour has been conferred on our esteemed Chinese friend is no secret. He has been connected with the said Bank—which celebrated its centenary two years ago—for over twenty years, first as the second compradore and thereafter as the first.

In all those years, you, Mr. Lo Chung Wan, have given entire satisfaction to the Bank and have assisted throughout in enhancing the position of the Bank here. From my vice-consular days in Hong Kong I remember many words of praise from Mr. van Rees, Mr. Wijnberg, Mr. Deknatel and others, and lately from Mr. Herbschleb and last not least, from Mr. Maassen. In any foreign firm in China and Hong Kong, but especially in banking, the activities of a good compradore tend greatly to promote the business, and you have proved, during your long connection with the Bank, to be the right man in the right place.

Your reputation, Mr. Lo Chung Wan, comes well within the meaning of the rules of the Order of Orange Nassau. This High Order has been instituted to honour those Netherlands subjects and foreigners alike, who make themselves of special use and benefit to the Crown, the State or Society in general and that you have done so, you have fully proven in your more than 20 years' connection with the Bank.

I will now, dear Mr. Lo Chung Wan, invest you in the name of the Queen with the insignia of an Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau!

The Consul-General having pinned the decoration on Mr. Lo's coat, the English text of the address was translated into Chinese by Mr. Li Tsan Fan, the Secretary Interpreter of the Consulate-General, himself a Chevalier in the same Order.

The Consul-General then proposed the toast of the Queen, which was duly honoured.

This toast was followed by one in honour of the newly appointed Officer in the Order.

Mr. Lo Chung Wan expressed his deep gratitude for the high distinction bestowed on him and asked that his profound thanks should be transmitted to Her Majesty the Queen, which Mr. Quist promised should be done.

TOO FOND OF HONG KONG.

BANISHEE'S RETURN AFTER SERVING SENTENCE.

EXPULSED ON FRIDAY, SENTENCED AGAIN YESTERDAY.

The fondness of a banishee for Hong Kong has resulted in his receiving another term of imprisonment, and twenty strokes.

Sentenced in October, 1925, for returning from banishment from the Colony, and also given fifteen strokes on that occasion, the Chinese prisoner in question completed this sentence last week. He was banished to Shum Chun last Friday, but his love for the Colony proved too strong, and he returned again during the week-end, and as a result was re-arrested, and appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendant had no excuse to offer for his return, his Worship sentenced him to a further term of twelve months' hard labour, and ordered, as stated, that he be given twenty strokes.

ARE YOU ASLEEP?

"Constable, are you asleep? Why do you allow a man to smoke in my Court?" Thus Mr. R. E. Lindsell to a Cantonese court constable at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning. "Turn him out of the Court immediately," added Mr. Lindsell. This was promptly done by the luhong, who, it is understood, will be dealt with departmentally.

THREE DAYS' VILLAGE BATTLE.

FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS.

THIRTY-FIVE LANDLORDS BEHEADED.

PEACE AND PLENTY IN WAICHOW DISTRICTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

According to reports reaching Canton a regular battle was fought in Sheung-tao Village, Wu-hua, on November 8th to 11th, between the People's Volunteers and the Peasants' Corps, both of which bodies are recognized by the authorities. The former usually represent the wealthier class of villagers and are able to equip themselves with at least a rifle and a uniform. The latter consist of farm hands authorized to carry arms under the auspices of the Farmers' League, a subsidiary organ of the Communist Party in Kwangtung. In Sheung-tao the farmers would not pay their rentals unless they were allowed to make a reduction of 25 per cent. The landlords attempted to force payment with the aid of the People's Volunteers who, at times, are called upon to act as police. The three-day battle resulted in the Volunteers being defeated. All the landlords and their families, numbering nearly 5,000 persons have been rendered homeless. About 150 people were killed and some 60 houses were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$400,000. Some 35 landlords were beheaded.

Capture of Foochow?

The Kuomintang "propagandists" have been instructed to announce the capture of Foochow from the "anti-Reds," but independent reports, up to November 27th, failed to confirm this success.

The Kuomintang Army have captured the most productive of the opium districts in Fukien, and nearly 60 per cent. of the poppy fields are now under their control. The Party will impose \$25 tax per *mow* each season, while opium sale will be further assessed in accordance with the Kuomintang regulations governing the monopoly in Canton.

Overseas Chinese in America have protested to the Kuomintang authorities in Canton against the "confiscation" of their property—the Sunning Railway in the Szeyan Districts of which Kungmoon is the open port. The American Chinese must have been misinformed, as the Kuomintang is only to administer the railway for six months pending the settlement of the dispute between the employers and the employees of the line. The workmen of the Sunning Railway have made demands regarding wages and service conditions with which the management is unable to comply. At the same time, the principle that no non-union man may be employed is recognized by the Kuomintang. Since, therefore, the Kuomintang is unable to get the employers and the employees to agree and has to keep the line in order to facilitate traffic, it has decided temporarily to take over the line. The Kuomintang has long since "nationalized" the Kwangtung Sections of the Canton-Hankow and the Canton-Samshui railways, but the shareholders in these are not so influential as the overseas Chinese who have contributed not a little to the revolutionary cause.

The average Chinese working in the interior care little about politics or outside affairs, as long as their crops for the season are plentiful. The districts around Waichow, along the East River in Kwangtung, although they have been the centre of bitter struggles during the last few years, are now quite contented as the crops of the second 1926 season are good. The best grade of rice may be obtained at less than \$8 a picul, and other grades from \$6.50 up. Among the districts which have prospered are Wai-loy, Poko, Hoyun, Chekan, Linping, Woping, Lungchuen, Wu-hua and Hoi-fung.

Still Held for Ransom.

Dr. Leung Pui Kie is still a captive in the hands of bandits near Canton. He has written home reporting that he is well but warning his relatives and friends against soliciting official aid for his rescue, intimating that unsuccessful effort on the part of the authorities would end unfavourably to him. The bandits are asking for \$300,000 ransom, but it is understood that a cash payment of a small percentage of this sum will effect his release.

Dr. Leung is a very interesting figure in Canton. He was one of the few Chinese to study Western medicine under Dr. John G. Kerr, of the Canton Hospital. He soon learned that patent medicines prepared in foreign style would attract buyers if foreign advertising methods were used and his pills are now found in all drug shops in China. Even to-day there are very few Chinese newspapers which do not carry his advertisements. Dr. Leung may be considered one of the first Chinese believers in advertising.

CANTON GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS.

MOVE TO BE MADE TO HUPEH.

FIRST PARTY TO SET OUT ON SUNDAY.

As a result of the visit of Tang Yen Tat, says the *Canton Gazette*, a Political Conference held by the Central Kuomintang Headquarters on Friday to discuss preparations and date for the removal of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters and the Nationalist Government to Hupeh, passed the following resolutions:

1. The first party will set out before the 5th of December and will include important members and documents.
2. The date for the departure of the second party will be decided after the receipt of a telegram from the first.
3. Ordinary documents belonging to the various Governmental organizations are to be handed to the Military Station of the Military Headquarters for transmission, while those especially concerning Kwangtung province should be handed over to the Provincial Government.

To Find New Quarters.

4. Mr. Tang Ghak Sang will be entrusted with the responsibility of looking after all arrangements regarding locations and accommodation for the various Governmental organizations at the Front.
5. The expenses for the removal should be made out in budgets by both the Kuomintang Headquarters and the Government respectively, and decided by the Chairman.

The above resolutions were again brought up for consideration at the 73rd meeting, held on Saturday, and it was decided that (1) Departmental Affairs conferences should be held by the various Departments regarding the time and arrangement for the removal of their respective members and important documents, which should be set forth for consideration at the usual meeting to be held on Tuesday, and (2) that the various Governmental organizations and schools established by the Central Kuomintang in Canton, should remain as usual, and should be under its direct control as hitherto. Support will be supplied without any change.

WONDERS OF RADIO.

LECTURE AT INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

INTERESTING DEMONSTRATIONS.

Mr. A. J. Chesterton delivered an interesting lecture on "Radio" at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders yesterday evening, before a large attendance. He was ably assisted by Mr. G. F. Taylor, who gave practical demonstrations with apparatus which had been set up for the occasion.

Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Vice-President of the Institution, presided and introduced the lecturer, said that he was glad to see so large an attendance, and hoped that the lecture would influence those present to join and encourage the local Radio Society.

The lecturer detailed the history of Radio, and referred to Kirk Maxwell's, Hertz's and Marconi's work in that direction. In the latter's first experience had wireless telegraphy, communication had been carried out over a distance of less than two miles. Subsequent progress was rapid. In 1901 the Atlantic Ocean was bridged by wireless telegraph signals and, in 1915, wireless telephone communications were exchanged between France and U.S.A.

Mr. Chesterton gave details regarding the history of radio up to the present time, and spoke of the various ways in which it was being used. He said that sending pictures by radio had long been an established fact, and that the Marconi Company in London and the Radio Corporation of America, in New York, conduct a public radio picture service of transmitting and receiving across the Atlantic. He also detailed and described the properties and uses of the apparatus used in radio.

Concluding a very interesting lecture, which was lucidly delivered, the lecturer said that radio was being largely used in communicating between various countries, and if a universal language was used it would certainly be of great value. He referred to Esperanto and thought that if such a language were adopted, radio, owing to its quickness in communication, would enable a greater understanding between various nations, and help towards the peace of the world. (Applause.)

The demonstrations given by Mr. Taylor were very convincing, but an effort to get Shanghai proved futile. Mr. Taylor explained the processes of the demonstrations.

Mr. Chesterton replied to a few questions asked by members of the audience. The meeting concluded with an expression of thanks to Mr. Chesterton and Mr. Taylor.

THE BANKNOTE CASE.

CHINESE WOMAN'S CASE AGAINST H.K.S. BANK.

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT'S EVIDENCE.

Before Mr. Justice Wood at the Summary Court yesterday the case in which a Chinese woman is suing the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was resumed. Plaintiff claims the money on a \$500 note in regard to which payment was refused. The note in question was in a torn state. It had in fact been in the pocket of a garment which had been washed and ironed, and when found was only possible to put together certain pieces.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. W. B. Hind) appears for plaintiff and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master) for the defendants.

Mr. G. E. Towns, the Acting Chief Accountant of the Bank, stated that he could not say whether or no the note as presented to the bank was genuine. He was not sure that all the portions produced were portions of the same note. They might be portions of more than one. He thought that the signatures on the recovered parts of the note were those of Mr. V. M. Grayburn and Mr. Maybie, but he could not swear to it.

Modern Forgery a Fine Art.

Replying to Mr. Potter, witness said many ingenious attempts were continually being made in forging banknotes. Modern forgery had, in fact, been brought to a fine art. It was, therefore, essential that the Bank should have the dates and numbers of notes.

He further stated that if they paid out on any note without the number and the date, they could not write it off their books. Neither could they get the money back from the Government.

Asked what the note issue in the Colony was, witness said that, including the notes of the three issuing banks, it was about \$50,000,000, that of the Chartered Bank being approximately \$16,000,000 and of the Mercantile, \$1,600,000. Silver dollars were used very little as currency, which was almost entirely in bank notes. The receipts of silver dollars at the Bank averaged less than a thousand daily, and these were chiefly from the Tramway Company and from the Treasury. When received by the Bank, they were not released into currency but were used as reserves against bank note issue.

"Impossible."

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy witness said that it was impossible in all cases for the Bank to take numbers of notes when changed and compare them with lists of lost notes with which the shroffs were supplied.

Witness further reiterated that it was impossible to identify all the pieces in the note in question.

Re-examined by Mr. Potter, Mr. Towns said that it was not infrequent for notes to be presented at the Bank without numbers. On an average, they might have as many as one a week. The practice was always to refuse payment.

An Assumption.

Before the hearing was adjourned in the morning, Mr. Potter intimated that he would consult the Bank in regard to whether it was admitted that the note was genuine. At the outset of the afternoon hearing, he said that the Bank was prepared to fight the case on the assumption that the note was a genuine one.

Mr. Towns was re-called, and replying to Mr. Potter said that he had searched for "indemnities" and could not find anything in regard to lost notes on record. The only indemnities on record were in regard to partially destroyed notes with parts intact.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that so long as a part of the note appeared and so long as the promise to pay appeared, he would advise the Bank to pay, although the signatures were absent.

Mr. Potter addressing his Lordship said that there was the question whether the Bank was prejudiced, because the Bank could not get the \$500 back from the Government. Whatever the law was, if they could write off a specific note they could get the money from the Hong Kong Government and would not deprive the customer.

His Lordship remarked that it depended on what view the Government would take. If the facts were put before the Executive Council it would only then be known if the Bank had been prejudiced.

Mr. Potter disagreed and said the fact of their going to the Government would be prejudicial.

Mr. Potter cited several cases in support of his argument and said that what happened was immaterial. The question was whether the charge was material.

Mr. Fitzroy said it was obvious that the Bank could get the money from the Government. If the business was run as it was done in England the trouble would not have arisen. They were negligent in not keeping the numbers of notes of such considerable sums.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

CLEVERLY CONCEALED WEAPONS.

CHINESE CONSTABLE'S SMART WORK.

INGENIOUS DEFENCE FAILS.

Ingenious methods of concealing arms and ammunition were described when some novel and interesting exhibits were produced in the case adjourned which came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson, sitting together, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

A Chinese, a native of Tung Shan, who was charged with possession of arms had been, as already related, arrested on the Tang On Wharf last week when about to board the s.s. *Wing On* for Kungmoon. A Chinese constable, engaged in searching the passengers' luggage, felt something hard in a pair of boots amongst the defendant's luggage. On investigating he discovered that hidden between the soles of the boots were two pistol barrels. He called the attention of Sub-Inspector Moss to this find, and a thorough search of the defendant's luggage was made, and 244 rounds of ammunition were found. A bag of biscuits were then discovered, and in this were a pistol grip, stock, etc., into which one of the barrels was subsequently fitted. A cookery book had been hollowed by cutting inside the edges, so that the book presented a completed appearance. This book was tied up with other books, including an atlas. Two magazines and pistol parts were found in this book.

The defendant was then arrested, and taken to the Central Police Station.

Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the defence, said that defendant's story was that he had no knowledge of what the luggage contained. The luggage did not belong to him, but to his brother, who had recently died. This brother had returned from Canada, and died in the country. His brother's widow asked defendant to come to Hong Kong and collect this luggage for her. He did so, and it was not until the belongings were searched that he was aware that it contained anything of an illicit character.

Defendant gave evidence bearing out this statement, and another Chinese, of Hong Kong, stated that defendant was a man of respectable character, and has a Hong Kong address at Des Vaux Road with a firm of tea merchant.

Defendant was convicted, and their Worship imposed a fine of \$500, and ordered that the arms and ammunition be confiscated.

A NINE-MONTH-OLD WARRANT.

LOCAL FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANY ROBBED.

A nine-month old warrant for the apprehension of a man accused of embezzling his employer's money, was executed only this month, and when the case was brought up for hearing yesterday morning before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, his Worship commented on the long interval which had elapsed.

Formerly in the employ of the New Zealand Insurance Company, whose local agents are Messrs. Holyoak Massey & Co., Ma Yap was alleged to have misappropriated \$1,061.91.

Defendant was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, who told the Court that during all this time, defendant had been carrying on business in a floor below that in which another clerk of the same Company lived and no action was taken until quite recently.

Mr. Bulmer Johnson appeared for the prosecution, and the case was adjourned.

A TURBULENT COOK.

GETS SIX WEEKS FOR KITCHEN SCUFFLE.

Appearing on remand, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, in answer to a charge of assaulting the No. 1 Chinese cook of the Republic Bay Hotel, the assistant Chinese cook was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

A previous conviction was proved against defendant and it was stated that last year he was before the Court on a charge of picking pockets.

ALLEGED IMPERSONATORS CHARGED.

A Chinese, stated to be an official of the Labour Maintenance Bureau, and another man not in custody, were alleged to have impersonated police officers, and carried out a search on a "coolie" in a public latrine. It was further alleged that they stole 75 cents from the coolie and two jackets which the coolie was wearing.

The accused was brought up before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, and after evidence of arrest had been given, the case was adjourned.

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[4208]

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 30th, 1926.

THE BIAS BAY PIRATES.

We commented yesterday upon the ap-
parent willingness of the Nationalist
Government, as expressed through the
Canton Gazette, to co-operate with Hong
Kong in a raid upon Bias Bay. As we
pointed out, such co-operation was most
ardently desired by Hong Kong and we
have since learned that an offer to enter
into a joint expedition has been formally
made to the Kuomintang authorities.
The Gazette stated that if such an
offer were received the most serious con-
sideration would be given to it: Hong
Kong, therefore, having done her part,
we trust action will not be long delayed.
The first of the four tasks which the
newly-formed Kwangtung Provincial
Government has set out to accomplish,
according to its published programme,
is the eradication of bandits. The pre-
valence of banditry, say the Govern-
ment spokesmen, is due to the difficulty
the people find in securing a living.
Therefore agricultural banks are to be
established to encourage the cultivation
of waste land and to provide work for
the unemployed. That may be a splen-
did scheme. Every practical effort to
improve the economic condition of the
workers is to be commended, and as the
prosperity of the peasant increases and
peace and order are introduced through-
out the country there is little doubt that
the bandit organisations will receive
fewer and fewer recruits and their

activities will tend to diminish. The
process, however, will probably take
years and to wait its full development
before routing out the nest of pirates at
Bias Bay would be similar to asking the
Police force to suspend operations whilst
the Ministers of Religion endeavoured to
instruct the criminal and to persuade him
to forsake his evil pursuits.

The Kwangtung Government, moreover,
recognises the existence of "professional
bandits"—"incorrigible persons," as
they term them, "who are in the habit
of banditry" and to exterminate them
four new divisions of soldiers are being
especially trained. But for the com-
mencement of operations against the
"incorrigible persons" at Bias Bay it
is unnecessary even to await the training
and equipment of a special force. Great
Britain can provide the men or the ships
or a few of both if required. All that is
needed from Canton is good-will and that
measure of co-operation which it is
possible for her to give out of her pre-
sent resources. Bias Bay must be
"cleaned up" in the interests of ship-
ping and, as we pointed out yesterday,
the Nationalist Government would gain
more prestige in the eyes of the world
by active co-operation with Great Britain
in this necessary work than she would
do by a dozen victories in her Northern
campaign.

LABOUR TROUBLES ON THE
YANGTSE.

If the Nationalist Government, with its
present headquarters in Canton, wishes
to secure recognition as the Government
of China it should endeavour, at all costs,
to avoid the impression being created
that the extension of its influence simply
means a continuance and extension of
labour disorders. Wherever the Canton
Army goes we get reports of labour
disturbances and the natural assumption
is that it is a case of cause and effect.
Legitimate labour grievances are one
thing; violent agitations, accompanied by
intimidation of the workers and the
organisation of general strikes with the
sole object of destroying the commercial
life of a district, are in a totally differ-
ent category. It should be the primary
duty of any Government to suppress such
disorders. The Nationalist Government,
by their inaction, lay themselves open to
the grave charge of fomenting them.

According to the recent cable news the
present conditions in Hankow are deplora-
ble. The belief is widespread that a
general strike is imminent and foreigners
have been instructed to lay in stocks of
provisions. In addition to this the acting
Superintendent of the Customs is openly
advocating the formation of a
union of Customs employees although he
must know full well that such an organisa-
tion is definitely prohibited by the rules
of the Customs Service. "An attempt to
establish such a union was made a month
or two ago in Canton but fortunately
was checked by the prompt action of the
acting Commissioner, Colonel HAYLEY-
BELL. In Hankow the Commissioner
presumably feels that his hands are tied
in the matter because the movement is
being sponsored by the senior Chinese
official. The regulations governing em-
ployment in the Maritime Customs are
perfectly well known and it is absurd to
suggest that unions are being formed with
the object of improving conditions. The
desire unquestionably is to undermine the
loyalty of the employees and to coerce
them into activities which ultimately
would bring the Service to a standstill.
If the conditions of a year ago in
Canton are to be repeated in Hankow
and other Yangtze ports the Nationalist
Government will have a poor record to
put forward in support of its claim to be
the only really representative Govern-
ment in China.

The Colony had a clean bill of health
for the forty-eight hours ended November
29th.

For selling eggs without a licence, a
Chinese woman was fined \$3 by Mr. R.
E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy
yesterday morning.

A Chinese has been arrested in connec-
tion with the murder of the caretaker
of the Seamen's Club in Cheong On
Street, Kowloon City, and on his appear-
ance before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the
Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday he was
remanded for one week.

The forthcoming wedding is announced
of Mr. Charles Manners Manners, chief
clerk of the Hong Kong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., residing
at No. 25, Ashley Road, Kowloon, to Miss
Agnes Moran, residing at No. 229, Yu
Yuen Road, Shanghai.

From the report of the funeral of the
late Capt. W. Clarke mention was in-
advertently omitted of wreaths sent by
the Captain and officers of the s.s. *Kin-
shan*, and Wharfingers and Staff of the
Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steam-
boat Company's Wharves.

Mr. Yoshio Midzuchi, representing the
Japanese Commercial Travelling Party,
is holding a Sample Fair at the China
Building to-day and to-morrow, and he
cordially invites the public to visit the
Fair on either day and inspect the cotton
piece goods, enamel, nickel, porcelain,
stationary goods, and hardware, etc.,
which will be on view.

Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Labour
M.P., socialist propounder of levy on
capital, and Mrs. Lawrence have arrived
in India. In an interview Mr. Pethick
Lawrence said the Indian constitution
was shortly to be reviewed and it was
essential that many members of Parlia-
ment should acquaint themselves at first
hand with conditions in that country.

In connection with the taking over of
the control of the International Mixed
Court in Shanghai, Marshal Sun Chuan
Fang, and Civil Governor Chen Dao-Yi,
have jointly appointed Mr. Zee Vei
Tsing, former Chief Procurator of the
Shanghai High Court, to take charge of
the preparatory work for the formation
of a provisional Court in Shanghai in
place of the present International Mixed
Court.

Another kidnapping case was brought
to the attention of Assessor Hamilton
and Magistrate Loh, at the Mixed Court,
Shanghai, on November 23rd, when four
elderly looking women were charged with
kidnapping six girls, their ages ranging
from five to ten years. Owing to there
being a number of witnesses the Court
was unable to proceed with the case, ad-
journing same for one week, the children
to be held by the Door of Hope.

The strike of the Wei Tung Cotton
Mill, which began on November 21st, still
continues, and 1,481 hands are affected,
says the *Shanghai Mercury*, whereas the
strike in the Tien Lung Foh Kee Silk
Mill, which began on November 20th,
came to an end on the morning of
November 23rd. Out of 250 hands who
struck, 235 resumed their work, and the
fifteen, who are suspected of fomenting
the trouble, are dismissed, their places
being taken by new hands.

A report of a case of armed robbery
and wounding was made to the police
yesterday. It appears that about one
o'clock yesterday morning, a Chinese
farmer, living at an unnumbered mat-
shed at Lan Lai Wan, near No. 2 Tai
Tam Tuk Station, was set upon by two
armed men when about twenty yards
away from his dwelling. He was wound-
ed (by what means is not stated) and
relieved of \$50 in \$5 notes. After the
attack the men decamped in the direc-
tion of Tai Tam Tuk.

The last Xmas letter mail for Home,
which was to have closed at the G.P.O.
yesterday, now closes to-day at 3.30 p.m.
The steamer on which it will be despatch-
ed, the s.s. *Sawa Maru*, was expected to
arrive at Hong Kong on Sunday after-
noon, but was delayed. It is not anti-
cipated that there will be more than
a few bags to go on her, and the mail
will travel Home via Siberia. The in-
ward mail from Home and Europe via
Siberia, due yesterday, is now expected
to arrive to-day on the s.s. *Tsionduri*.

To-day is St. Andrew's Day, and
following the usual custom in Hong
Kong, the local St. Andrew's Society will
hold their annual ball to-night at the
City Hall. Decorations are practically
completed, and the finishing touches will
be given to-day to what should prove a
picturesque scene when the guests arrive.

As in previous years the usual inter-
change of congratulatory messages will
be made with kindred societies at
Penang, Singapore, Shanghai, Kobe, etc.
The ball, at which H.E. the Governor,
Lady Clement and many other promi-
nent people will be present, will
commence at 8.30 p.m. The guests will
be received by Mr. R. M. Dyer, this
year's Chairman of St. Andrew's Society,
and Mrs. Dyer.

CANTON STRIKE COM-
MITTEE ARRESTS.

CHAIRMAN IN CUSTODY.

MILITARY TAKE ACTION.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Several members of the Canton Strike
Committee, including Mr. Soo Shiu Ching,
the Chairman, have been arrested by the
Military authorities in Canton, says our
Chinese correspondent, in a message
received last night.

At the time of the fire in Canton which
destroyed the headquarters of the Strike
Committee, rumour was rife that it was
the work of incendiaries, and that these
had been inspired by members of the
Strike Committee, who have been
responsible for organising and enforcing
the anti-British boycott. The motive, it
was alleged, was that members of the
Strike Committee had been making a
very good thing out of it, and now, fear-
ing an investigation of accounts, planned
the wholesale destruction of the records.

Our Chinese correspondent adds:—
The General Headquarters of the Mil-
itary authorities in Canton, upon receiv-
ing information that the fire on Novem-
ber 6th, at Tung Yuen, the Headquarters
of the Canton Strike Committee, was of
an incendiary nature and promoted by
certain leaders who wished to destroy
records of accounts which would not bear
investigation, ordered several arrests
yesterday. Among those taken into mili-
tary custody for examination was Mr.
Soo Shiu Ching, chairman of the Strike
Committee, and the highest official in the
organization. Mr. Soo is a representa-
tive of the Seamen's Union, which is one
of the strongest unions in South China.

This union is still boycotting the Hong
Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co.
by intimidating any Chinese who dares
to make use of that Company's river
steamers.
It is alleged that since the beginning
of the strike and boycott, a year ago last
June, that several million dollars have
passed through the Committee's hands
and so far no detailed accounts have been
published. Strike agitators and boycott
pickets are evidently to be accused with
enriching themselves by "squeeze" and
smuggling at the expense of those travel-
ling and making shipments.

So far no official statements have been
made regarding the arrests, and those
detained have not yet been charged,
pending further investigation.
The fire at Tung Yuen some three
weeks ago, it will be remembered, de-
stroyed the principal buildings of the
Strike Committee. The burning to death
of eight victims imprisoned by the pickets
before the fire was denied by the Com-
mittee, though unofficial reports declared
that this had happened.

A Chinese was fined \$10 by Major C.
Willson, at the Central Magistracy,
yesterday morning, for "plucking the
feathers off a live pigeon." The bird with
half of its plumage off, but still alive,
was produced in Court.

Two cargo coolies, who were charged
before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kow-
loon Magistracy yesterday morning, with
breaching cargoes of salt fish at the Kow-
loon Godowns, were each sentenced to
seven days' hard labour.

Mr. T. G. Weill, of No. 301, The Peak,
charged a Chinese woman with trespass-
ing in his servants' quarters. When the
case was called before Mr. R. E. Lin-
dell, yesterday morning, defendant
failed to appear, and the bail of \$10,
was exonerated.

"You appear to enjoy life in jail. I
see you are an old friend—twelve pre-
vious convictions," said Mr. R. E. Lin-
dell at the Central Magistracy yesterday
morning, to a defendant. He dealt in
blood and for having no licence was sent
to prison for a month.

The Police applied yesterday morning
before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kow-
loon Magistracy for the confiscation of
100 rounds of ammunition and a revolver
which was found in the crew's quarters
of the *President Jackson*. No arrests
were made. The application was grant-
ed.

A Chinese charged with hawking, in-
formed the magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lin-
dell, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday
morning, that he was only standing out-
side his shop. "Well, confine your
activities to its interior in future,"
retorted his Worship, who fined the de-
fendant \$5.

A Chinese woman was brought up be-
fore Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central
Magistracy, yesterday morning, on a
charge of selling cigarettes without a
licence. Sergeant Nolloth said that by
agreement between the Secretary for
Chinese Affairs and the Superintendent
of Imports and Exports, the number of
itinerant hawkers of cigarettes was to be
cut down by half and confined, as far
as possible, to the aged and infirm. The
defendant was fined \$3.

NORTHERN SITUATION.

STRIKE THREAT TO HANKOW.

NAVAL DETACHMENTS TO LAND.

ANTI-FOREIGN PROPAGANDA IN SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, November 29th.

Following threats of a general strike in Hankow against foreigners, the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has received anonymous threatening letters demanding that a strike be called here.

A message from Hankow states that shipping employees and Municipal policemen have threatened to strike unless certain demands are granted.

A naval detachment is being landed to-morrow to maintain order.

THE CANTONESE VICTORIES.

"TIMES" COMMENT.

STRONG BRITISH POLICY ADVOCATED.

LONDON, November 29th.

The seriousness of the Cantonese advance in China is emphasised in a leader in the *Times* which says that it is a very serious and urgent matter in regard to foreign interests, especially British, which are now very greatly endangered, and for the British Government.

There is at present in the international sphere no more urgent question, and measures must be taken immediately to protect British nationals who are in danger on the Yangtze, and it must be clearly foreseen that opportunities provoking further conflict are innumerable and that the worst enemies of Britain are watching to take advantage of them.

That hesitation is the most dangerous policy of all, and to trust vaguely in some ultimate Chinese reaction against the Bolsheviks is wholly unprofitable, for by the time the reaction comes there may be very little left for us to save.

SHANGHAI BUSINESS SENSATION.

GERMAN ARRESTED.

SHANGHAI, November 29th.

Helger Harrendorf, a German business man of Shanghai, who is charged with defrauding the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank of more than £50,000 and other Banks of smaller sums, arrived here to-day from Moji, in the custody of a Japanese detective.

Harrendorf was arrested in Yokohama on October 15th and extradited to Shanghai. He will probably appear at the Mixed Court to-day.

THE CHINESE CABINET RESIGNATION.

PEKING, November 29th.

The Cabinet's telegram of resignation, mentioned yesterday, was sent out last night.

BISHOP OF LONDON AT YOKOHAMA.

TOKYO, November 29th.

The Bishop of London arrived this afternoon at Yokohama. He is stopping for two or three days at the British Embassy in Tokyo before proceeding to Korea, where a very full programme has been arranged.

FASCISM IN GERMANY.

REICHSTAG PRESIDENT FIRED AT.

BERLIN, November 29th.

While Herr Loebe, the President of the Reichstag, was addressing Socialist-Labour demonstration in the Square, a Fascist fired a shot from a tram car, the bullet grazing Herr Loebe's head. Members of republican organisation and an indignant crowd pulled out a dozen uniformed Fascists from the tram and roughly handled them. Uniformed members of the Republican organisation intervened and protected the Fascists until they were in the custody of the police. Two revolvers, a dagger, slings and a large quantity of ammunition were found in the possession of the Fascists.

COAL DISPUTE.

GENERAL RESUMPTION OF WORK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 29th.

A general resumption of work in several important coalfields is taking place to-day. The settlement terms for Yorkshire accepted by the Miners' Council were recommended to meetings of the men yesterday for acceptance and the decision will be reported to-day. If the terms are ratified an agreement will be signed this evening.

The Durham miners will ballot to-day. The Cumberland miners leaders, after week-end consultations with the men, will also report to the owners to-day, and an agreement is expected.

South Wales is taking a ballot which is returnable to-morrow on whether negotiations shall be re-opened. On a favourable result a joint meeting will be immediately arranged.

South Wales will probably agree to settle but even then, terms may be agreed on before the end of the week.

In small districts numbers of men are already working and formal negotiations will be carried through in a few days.

THE "DIE-HARD" DISTRICTS.

RUGBY, November 29th.

The Northumberland miners yesterday decided by a large majority to negotiate a settlement on the terms offered by the owners, on the basis of a 7½ hours day.

Definite decisions have not yet been taken by the three large coal areas of Durham, South Wales and Yorkshire but elsewhere the proposals for district settlements have been approved. The newspapers anticipate that in the three outstanding areas, negotiations will be undertaken within a few days. With the exception of Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, where concessions on hours are probable, settlements generally will be based on an eight-hours' day, but in some areas provision is being made for shorter shifts on Saturdays.

Exclusive of administrative and clerical staffs, over 441,000 men are now working at the pits, representing an increase during last week of 63,000.

ANGLO-GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS CONFERENCE.

RUGBY, November 29th.

The resumed conversations between the representatives of the Federation of British Industries and the German Federation of Industries will take place in London on Friday and Saturday. The object is to discuss to what degree and in what manner these organisations can co-operate for the continuance of the mutual interests of the industries of their respective countries. The discussions, which will be strictly *ad referendum*, will be between the two organisations as a whole and not between representatives of the individual industries.

EMPIRE BROADCASTING.

RELAY SYSTEM POSSIBLE.

RUGBY, November 29th.

The *Sunday Times* (London) says that proposals are under the favourable consideration of the new British Broadcasting Commission, which will assume control of wireless telephonic broadcasting in January, to include a scheme for broadcasting from Davenport throughout the Empire by means of a series of relay stations.

Experiments will also be made for an increased interchange of broadcast programmes between the chief continental stations at Davenport.

WHITE STAR LINE.

ONCE MORE UNDER BRITISH CONTROL.

RUGBY, November 29th.

The whole of the share capital of the White Star Line has been acquired by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. The purchasers state that the transfer of shares in no way affects the continuity of the White Star Line, its organisation and its agency arrangements.

The newspapers understand that the purchase price is about £7,000,000, and they point out that the importance of the announcement lies in the fact that the White Star Line again comes under British control.

THE LIBERAL PARTY.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE OPTIMISTIC.

RUGBY, November 29th.

Mr. Lloyd George is optimistic regarding Liberal prospects, despite the difference in the Party, which have been further emphasised by the refusal of the Asquithian section to accept the condition on which Mr. Lloyd George's Fund should become available for party purposes.

He said yesterday that Liberals would dominate the next Parliament and that Labour could not come into office without Liberal help. That would not be forthcoming without definite guarantees from Labour as to the policy to be followed.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

GREAT HISTORICAL EVENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 29th.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, in an interview yesterday, expressed the belief that the birth of the younger nations of the British Commonwealth, which was registered by the Imperial Conference as a definite stage in the development of the Empire, would, in future, be noted as the greatest historical event in the world's history during the last fifty years. Those who feared that this recognition involved the removal of the central authority necessary to hold the Empire together should remember that it was not a central authority, but common loyalties, traditions, ideals and interests combining to sustain the wish to remain united that had bound the Empire together during the last half century.

AVIATION'S PROGRESS.

ANOTHER BIG CARDINGTON AIRSHIP SHED.

RUGBY, November 29th.

The Air Ministry contemplates the construction of a second huge airship shed at Cardington.

The one now being built will accommodate the R101 and the new shed is designed for a second State airship which is being built for the Government by a private firm. Both vessels will be completed by the end of next year.

The only shed in the Empire comparable in size to those at Cardington is now nearing completion at Karachi in India.

In view of the Imperial Conference discussions, it is expected that Canada's lead in erecting suitable mooring masts for the new airships will be followed by other Dominions.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INDIAN GENERAL ELECTIONS.

SWARAJIST CONTROL NOT ABSOLUTE.

DELHI, November 29th.

The General Election returns confirm the earlier forecast, inasmuch as the Swarajists, while forming the largest single group in the All-India Assembly and the Provincial Councils of Madras, Bengal and the Central Provinces can nowhere command an absolute majority. Thus, notwithstanding the fact of their refusal to accept office will mean the formation of somewhat precarious coalitions, there is every hope that the reforms will now work all through India, even in the Central Provinces and Bengal, which, on the whole, have recorded a set-back for the Swarajists, because they are unable longer to produce continual deadlocks. As regards Bombay, the United Provinces and the Punjab, the Swarajists' proportion of seats will be negligible.

A striking feature of the elections is the change in outlook regarding the election of a Speaker since the Speakers of the All-India Assembly and the Provincial Councils of Bombay, Punjab and the United Provinces were returned unopposed. The Swarajists challenged the Speakers on the Madras and Bengal Councils, and both lost their seats.

HOME RACING.

WINNING OWNERS AND JOCKEYS.

LONDON, November 29th.

Four Peers head the list of winning owners for the past flat racing season: namely Lord Woolvington £47,041; Lord Derby £35,433; Lord Astor £24,187 and Lord Rosebery £16,832, after which come Sir Abe Bailey, Mr. Solly Joel, and the Aga Khan.

The most successful trainer was F. Durling, whose horses won £23,065. T. Weston, with 95 firsts and a percentage of 15.54, heads the winning jockeys, followed by F. Fox, 74. Elliott was fourth with 70 and Donoghue sixth with 61. Coronach was the best winning horse with £36,624 and Colorado next with £10,610.

AUSTRALIAN TENNIS.

EFFORTS TO RETAIN ANDERSON AS AMATEUR.

MELBOURNE, November 29th.

It is understood that strenuous efforts are being made to induce Anderson not yet to become a professional. It is generally realised that in view of Patterson's present form, Australia has an excellent chance in the next Davis Cup if Anderson is included.

A SEA MYSTERY.

LAST MESSAGE OF 40 YEARS AGO.

A message from Halifax, Nova Scotia,

states that a bottle has been picked up in the Baltic Sea, containing the last message of John Lee, a master mariner who sailed from Halifax nearly forty years ago in a vessel whose name is no longer remembered here. The message read: "Tell mother that I died fighting. John Lee, Master Mariner. Halifax, May 17th, 1887." Lee's mother died thirty-five years ago.

The bottle was found on the island of Borkum by a German employee of a cable company, who sent it to Nova Scotia.

LOCAL WILLS.

FROM POVERTY TO WEALTH.

FORMER CHINESE "BOY'S" FORTUNE.

Probate of the will of Mok Yin Tong alias Mok A. Kuen, late of No. 23, Wellington Street, Hong Kong, who died on January 18th, 1926, has been granted to Mok Sik Lan and Mok Sik Tai, of the same address.

He left \$125,600.

In his will he, in part, sets out the story of his life—a rise from poverty to riches.

"Blessed with the virtues of my ancestors," he states "I have succeeded in building up the family (estate) with much labour. I remember while I was young I could only manage to keep my body and soul together after having undergone much hardship and been faced with starvation. After studying for a period of 3 years in a school I left and worked as a servant boy to some people. When I was 14 years old I joined the service of the 'John Bird' Foreign Firm as an employee. At that time my stock of knowledge was very limited and my pay was very low. Though unintelligent I made up the drawback by working diligently. I led an honest life and lived in a frugal manner.

Deceased's Directions.

"You must imitate the example of my diligence and should not indulge in laziness or negligence; and must follow my frugal way and should not be haughty and extravagant. You must remember the hardships with which I have built up the estate and the difficulties in maintaining the same. You must not entertain any ambitious idea and should appreciate my cherished aim. Be diligent and frugal, as I have been, and do not neglect anything. Maintain the estate handed down by your ancestors and strengthen the foundation of the same for the benefit of a future age. Be modest and respectful both internally and externally and keep on good terms with your neighbours. By so doing you will make your family prosperous and add glories to your ancestors. Endeavour to attain all these: this is my earnest hope."

MR. J. J. M. FLEURY.

The late Mr. J. J. M. Fleury, formerly of London and the Straits Settlements, but latterly of the Hague, Netherlands, who died in Switzerland on March 13th, 1924, left \$34,400 in the Colony and £10,245 in England. He also left property in the Straits Settlements. Probate of the will has been granted locally to Mr. G. N. Tinson.

In his will deceased stated that he was a British subject and desired his will to take effect according to British law. He further desired that his body should be cremated and his "obsequies carried out as economically as possible."

THE LATE MR. F. B. JOHNSON.

Rescinding of the grant of letters of administration in connection with the estate of the late Mr. Frank Birley Johnson, who died in England on May 2nd, 1923, has been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton. Deceased was a solicitor, and acted as Assistant Land Officer in Hong Kong in 1918. His estate in the Colony amounted to \$12,137.

"A MISMANAGED COUNTRY."

THE CROWN PRINCE OF SWEDEN'S OPINION OF CHINA.

Owing to a misunderstanding in the verbal orders for the shunting of the Royal train at East Station, Cien-tain, states the *Swingtail Times*, the Crown Prince of Sweden was considerably embarrassed when, after alighting from his motor-car, in drizzling rain, he had to search for his train.

"What a mismanaged country, what a mismanaged country!" the Prince exclaimed as he ran from one track to the other, followed by his retinue.

The Prince's train was standing close to the first track when he left the station to inspect the two archaeological collections in the city. In the meantime the traffic office gave orders for another train to be shunted.

The train shunter misunderstood the order and shunted the Royal train instead.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast, and remarks, issued at 6.20 by the Royal Observatory, states:—

The anti-cyclone remains stationary. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local forecast: E. winds, moderate, fine.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. GOMES.

FUNERAL AT R.C. CEMETERY.

The funeral of the late Mr. Augusto J. M. Gomes, a well-known resident of Hong Kong, took place yesterday at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley. Amongst those present were Mr. Leo d'Almada, Mr. J. M. Remedios, Mr. A. Silva-Netto, Mr. Alex. Remedios, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. J. T. d'Almada e Castro, Mr. A. C. Botelho, Mr. F. E. E. da Silva, Mr. A. H. M. da Silva, Dr. Sousa, Mr. C. M. S. Alves, J. Barradas, Mr. Jack Alves and Mr. C. E. Remedios.

The chief mourners were Mr. M. A. Figuerido, Mr. F. X. Figuerido, Mr. C. J. Figuerido and nephew, and sister Alvares (cousin of the deceased).

Wreaths were sent by "Brother, sister and brother-in-law," Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Silva-Netto, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Figuerido, Mr. and Mrs. M. Figuerido, Mrs. C. Leonard and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gascon, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gonzales, "Hermia, Maria and Minnie," Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barretto, Mr. M. J. da Cruz Azevedo, Mr. and Mrs. Almada e Castro, Mr. Tang Wai Cho, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. da Cruz, Messrs. Leo d'Almada and Nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ishrael Chan.

The funeral rites were performed by Father D. Page.

JOSS-PAPER FACTORY BLAZE.

FIRE AT YAU MATI.

An outbreak of fire occurred shortly after seven o'clock last night in a joss-paper factory at Reclamation Street, Yau-mat. Appliances from the Kowloon Fire Brigade were on the scene in a few minutes, and before the fire could spread to any serious dimensions it was got under control.

The building was gutted and dense clouds of smoke made the work of the firemen difficult. However, the fire was extinguished without any damage being done to adjoining buildings.

MOTOR-CYCLIST FINED.

FAILED TO SEE A CONSPICUOUS NOTICE.

Mr. D. de Roza, in the employ of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, appeared before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, in answer to a summons for parking his motor-cycle near the Star Ferry Wharf.

Mr. de Roza told the Court that the place where he left his machine was an authorised parking place, but it was cancelled in May last and a notice to that effect had been put up. He stated that he did not see the notice, and he had not ridden his cycle for the last eight months. He had been riding a motor-cycle for four years, and had not been summoned before. He was very sorry for this technical offence.

His Worship said that the notice was placed in a conspicuous position, and it was surprising that anyone could have failed to see it. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

BRIBE OF 65 CENTS REFUSED!

CHINESE HAWKER FINED.

A Chinese hawker, was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, with calling his wares in a prohibited area, and with offering an Indian constable sixty-five cents to secure his release.

Defendant called a witness for his defence, but the man proved so dense that defendant had to describe him as "a silly man." The Court also experienced difficulty when administering the oath to the witness, and his Worship told him to pull himself together and tell what happened.

The defendant was found guilty on both counts and fines of \$2 and \$10 were imposed respectively.

EGYPT'S NEED OF ENGLISH GUIDANCE.

LIBERAL JOURNALIST'S VIEW.

If the British walked out of Egypt to-morrow, the Egyptian Nationalists would be sensible enough to know that Signor Mussolini or M. Poincaré might walk in, said Mr. J. A. Spender, the well known Liberal Journalist lecturing at the Birmingham Municipal School of Commerce.

He did not say that the Government of Egypt by Egyptians would be as efficient, according to our standards. The Nationalists must realise that they could not get from any other outside Power the services they got from the British people. For India he strongly favoured some form of federal Constitution, probably more like that of America than the British Parliamentary Constitution under which there could be Provincial autonomy and self-government, the central Government taking control where the provincial Governments failed to carry out their responsibilities.

Unless Turkey reversed the present policy and offered facilities for trading at Constantinople, we should not be able to help her from aggression.

Gifts to the Royal Military College Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, for their harvest thanksgiving services included one of several thousand cigarettes from the four companies of gentlemen cadets.

TYPES IN AN ENGLISH PRISON.

LEADING NOVELIST'S IMPRESSION.

MR. HAROLD BEGBIE VISITS MAIDSTONE GAOL.

Mr. Harold Begbie is contributing a very interesting series of letters to the *Daily Mail* describing life in English prisons, as he has seen it during a number of visits he has made to these institutions. Mr. Begbie writes with sympathy, but without illusion, of his experiences:—

As for some of the worst convicts who have been through Maidstone, I was told that So-and-So was one of Nature's gentlemen, and So-and-So as nice a man as ever walked the earth. A terrible crime may be the only offence in a convict's life. There was one man in Maidstone who always saved a piece of his bread for the birds in the yard. On the day of his execution he took out a much larger piece of bread, and, breaking it into crumbs, said, with a smile to the descending birds, "There, that ought to keep you for a week."

A Modern Warder.

I was going towards the chapel, which is approached between beds of flowers, Indian corn growing in their midst, when an elderly warder approached my guide and asked him if he had shown me the garden. I said that I had greatly admired the flowers in the prison grounds, but this elderly warder insisted that I must see the real garden and particularly the ten-rood allotment. After I had visited the chapel, then, where an unattended convict was descending the channel for the harvest festival, was taken to the real garden of Maidstone Prison.

The elderly warder was plainly a fanatic for flowers and a devotee of beauty. His eyes flashed as we walked toward the garden of his creation, and his thin, lined face was illumined with the fire of enthusiasm as he spoke to me of what flowers can do for a man's soul. It was, very moving to find how this official of the prison would hear no hard words of any of the convicts, and to see how sincerely he regarded them as fellow-men who had met with misfortune. I felt that if ever a man understood the profundity of the monition "Judge not at all" he did.

Interested in Their Work.

The ten-rood allotment in the midst of a splendid garden is this man's own idea. He said, "I want the men to learn what they can get out of a little bit of land when they go back to their families; and I only let them work on it in the evening, after their day's work, so they may learn how little labour is necessary to get an allotment into such heart that it will keep a man, his wife, and three or four children in vegetables all the year round."

Observe, by the way, how the new and scientific methods of our Prison Commissioners enable warders to take a keen and intelligent interest in their work, no longer regarding themselves as official bullies in charge of soulless brutes.

Convicts were working in other parts of the garden, with no warders to look after them, and here, as elsewhere in the prison, I was told that the secret of unattended working parties is to appoint no foreman from among the convicts. A foreman makes for dissipation and shindies; a party left to themselves will do the appointed work well and thoroughly and with no argument as to who should do this and who should do that.

We entered a fairly long greenhouse filled with flowers. "We use these blossoms for the corridors, and for the mess-rooms of star prisoners," I was told; "a good many of the best blooms have gone just now to the chapel for the harvest festival." There was a convict at the far end of this greenhouse, half hidden by ferns and flowers. He emerged, however, and came easily towards us, wearing the yellow linen trousers of a convict, and a blue prison shirt open at the throat, the sleeves rolled up to the elbow.

He smiled as he talked and appeared as if he had no greater interest in life than his flowers, touching them with his long and flexible fingers as he discoursed about their treatment. But I do not know when I have seen an infinite sadness (not sorrow) so heroically accepted and held in check as showed in the smiling face of this man. It was so profound, so awful a sadness, yet wearing the shield of a smile almost, but not quite, swagging, that I was glad to bow to him and be gone.

A SARTORIAL ABOMINATION.

A sartorial authority declares that double-breasted dinner jackets this winter will be "fortunately rare," says the *Evening Standard*.

So far these abominations have been mainly limited to young men of the revue stage who dance in them to the mean of the saxophone. They are ridiculous in that they give the wearer the appearance of not being in evening dress at all—not that this matters in itself, but there seems to be little point in donning all the appurtenances of evening wear and then covering them up with what is in effect a day-time jacket.

There is such a thing as a double-breasted evening tail coat. But there are some garments too horrible for any discussion.

The rateable value of the City of London is £2,151,987, an increase for the year of £29,002.

On October 30th, the anniversary of the death in 1823 of Mr. Bonar Law, the Prime Minister sent to Westminster Abbey a sheaf of yellow chrysanthemums, bearing the inscription: "In affectionate memory of A. B. L. from S. B." and this was placed on the tomb.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

November 29th.

Chenglee, Chinese str., 833 tons, Capt. K. Katsushima, from Canton, with a nil entry, lying at buoy No. C44.—Ching Kee Co.

Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,143 tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from Singapore and Swatow, with a nil entry, lying at buoy No. C39.—Kwang Nguan Seng.

Dorry, German str., 973 tons, Capt. J. Jacobson, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45.—Chau Yue Teng.

Eiger, Norwegian str., 873 tons, Capt. H. Petersen, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—Karsten Larsen & Co.

Hanoi, French str., 630 tons, Capt. L. Cruchot, from Haiphong and Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—Messageries Maritimes.

Malacca Maru, Japanese str., 3,374 tons, Capt. J. Eigawa, from Calcutta and Rangoon and Singapore. The last mentioned port she left on November 21st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Ming Sang, British str., 969 tons, Capt. W. W. Hopkins, from Haiphong and Hoilow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Tai Fook Sing, Chinese str., 1,466 tons, Capt. H. Madsen, from Saigon, which port she left on November 22nd, with 2,000 tons of rice, lying at buoy No. B47.—Hoek Nguan Hong.

Tamba Maru, Japanese str., 3,370 tons, Capt. C. Hideshima, from Bombay and Singapore. The latter port she left on November 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tilawa, British str., 6,153 tons, Capt. P. W. Rowe, from Osaka and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

West Niger, American str., 3,157 tons, Capt. John N. Ross, from Portland, Ore., and Manila. The latter port she left on November 25th, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A27.

November 29th.

Antung, British str., 2,107 tons, Capt. G. Morse, from Singapore and Hoilow, with a cargo of firewood, lying at buoy No. A2.—B. & S.

Hydrangea, British str., 591 tons, Capt. R. Elvidge, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kwinkang, British str., 1,223 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei. The latter port she left on November 24th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—B. & S.

Phranong, Chinese str., 1,022 tons, Capt. H. C. Kiddie, from Hoilow, with a cargo of coal, lying at Yau-mat.—Chau Yue Teng.

Sekow Maru, Japanese str., 3,193 tons, Capt. H. Ojima, from Amoy, which port she left on November 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

CLEARANCES.

November 29th.

Chinking, for Saigon.
Fook Sang, for Singapore.
Hop Sang, for Swatow.
Malacca Maru, for Moji.
Sekow Maru, for Amoy.
Sunkong, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Tak Hong, for Amoy.
Tamba Maru, for Shanghai.
West Niger, for Kobe.
West Prospect, for San Francisco.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

By the s.s. *Siberia Maru*, for San Francisco via ports, on November 29th:—
Mr. S. S. Perry, Mr. L. Ryssin, Mr. J. Siddle, Mr. A. V. Ribeiro, Mr. S. G. Kirkland, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Kirk, Miss M. W. Kirk, Master D. L. Kirk, Mr. F. Kilian, Mr. F. X. Guerreiro, Mr. W. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Porterfield, Miss V. Miller, Mr. G. Adams, Mrs. I. Adams, Mr. A. B. Jamieson, and Mrs. L. Swin.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.D.L. s.s. *York* left Singapore on Saturday, and is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on Thursday. She will sail for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

The E. & A. Co.'s s.s. *Tanda* left Moji for this port on the 28th inst., and is due here on the morning of the 3rd prox. She will leave for Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne on or about Saturday, the 4th, at 4 p.m.

The B.L. s.s. *Tilawa* will leave for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang and Calcutta to-morrow (Wednesday), at 1 p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Agra (Swedish East Asiatic), due to-day.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due to-morrow.
Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due December 13th.
Hessen (Hamburg-Amerika Linie), due this morning.
Tanda (E. & A.), due December 3rd.
York (N.D.L.), due December 2nd.

HONG KONG SHIPPING.

WEEK-END RETURNS.

HEAVY CARGO ENTERED.

During the week-end a larger number of entries were registered and cargo for Hong Kong and ports beyond have correspondingly been increased.

Saturday's returns were well above the average, with 10,794 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong, and 22,936 tons for ports beyond. British vessels brought 9,346 tons for local discharge and 3,464 tons of through freight.

There were 17 arrivals and 13 departures. They were: British 8 arrivals and 6 departures; Japanese 3 arrivals and 3 departures; Dutch 2 arrivals and 4 departures; Chinese 1 arrival and 2 departures; Norwegian 1 arrival and 1 departure; Danish 1 arrival; German 1 arrival; American 2 departures. Vessels in port amounted to 59 of which 27 were British.

Sunday's Statement.

During the 24 hours, ended at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the returns showed 13,340 tons of inward cargo more than on the previous day. Out of 17 vessels entered, a total of 24,124 tons of general merchandise were discharged here, of which only 5,893 tons were from 10 British vessels, the remaining 18,231 tons being brought by 1 American, 1 Dutch, 1 Portuguese, 1 Japanese and 3 Chinese steamers.

The best returns were registered by the Chinese steamer, *Hua Yi*, from Chinwangtao, which brought 5,680 tons; the s.s. *Tjikembang* (J.C.L.) also discharged 5,300 tons from Sourabaya and Batavia.

Cargo from ports beyond amounted to 11,314 tons, of which 3,348 tons were manifested on British vessels: The s.s. *Carnarvonshire* carried 3,000 tons, and the *Tjikembang* 3,800 tons.

There were 17 arrivals and 9 departures, the nationalities of which were:—British, 10 arrivals and 4 departures; American, 1 arrival; Dutch, 1 arrival; Portuguese, 1 arrival; Japanese, 1 arrival and 2 departures; Chinese, 3 arrivals and 1 departure; German, 1 departure.

Yesterday's Returns.

Although the arrivals for the 24 hours, ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, were unusually heavy, the returns showed a considerable decrease of cargo both for local discharge and ports beyond.

There were only 10,173 tons of general merchandise landed in the Colony. These were contributed by no fewer than 32 vessels. Out of 14 British steamers only 4,273 tons of cargo were discharged.

Through freights manifested on these 32 steamers only amounted to 8,975 tons, out of which British vessels had 1,061 tons.

There were 32 arrivals and 15 departures. They were:—British, 14 arrivals and 5 departures; Japanese, 4 arrivals and 4 departures; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Chinese, 6 arrivals and 2 departures; Danish, 1 arrival; Dutch, 1 arrival; French, 1 arrival and 1 departure; German, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Portuguese, 1 arrival; American, 2 arrivals and 1 departure.

Vessels in port up to 9 a.m. yesterday totalled 76, out of which 35 were British. The tabulated lists of arrivals and clearances will be found in another column.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The total number of deck passengers arriving in the harbour for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Sunday, was 1,022. The *Fook Sang* (Indo-China) carried 329 from Kobe and Amoy, and 353 were landed by the s.s. *Tjikembang* from Sourabaya and Batavia.

Yesterday's returns showed 1,054 deck passengers, 377 and 252 were respectively, landed by the *Tilawa*, from Osaka and Amoy, and by the *Tamba Maru*, from Bombay and Singapore.

With 2,000 tons of coal and livestock for discharge here, the s.s. *Phranong* arrived Sunday night from Hongkong and Hoilow. She will be despatched later for Hongkong.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC.
TO VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER.

SAILINGS 1927.

Steamers	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Vancouver
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 23
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 23	June 26	June 29	July 2	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29

(E. Asia and E. Russia sail at Nagasaki the day after departure from Shanghai.)

CONNECTING SAILING ST. JOHN TO LIVERPOOL.

MONTROSE	February 4	MONTROSE	April 3
MONTNAIRN	February 10	MONTLOARE	April 23
MONTCAIM	March 13	MINNESEA	May 13

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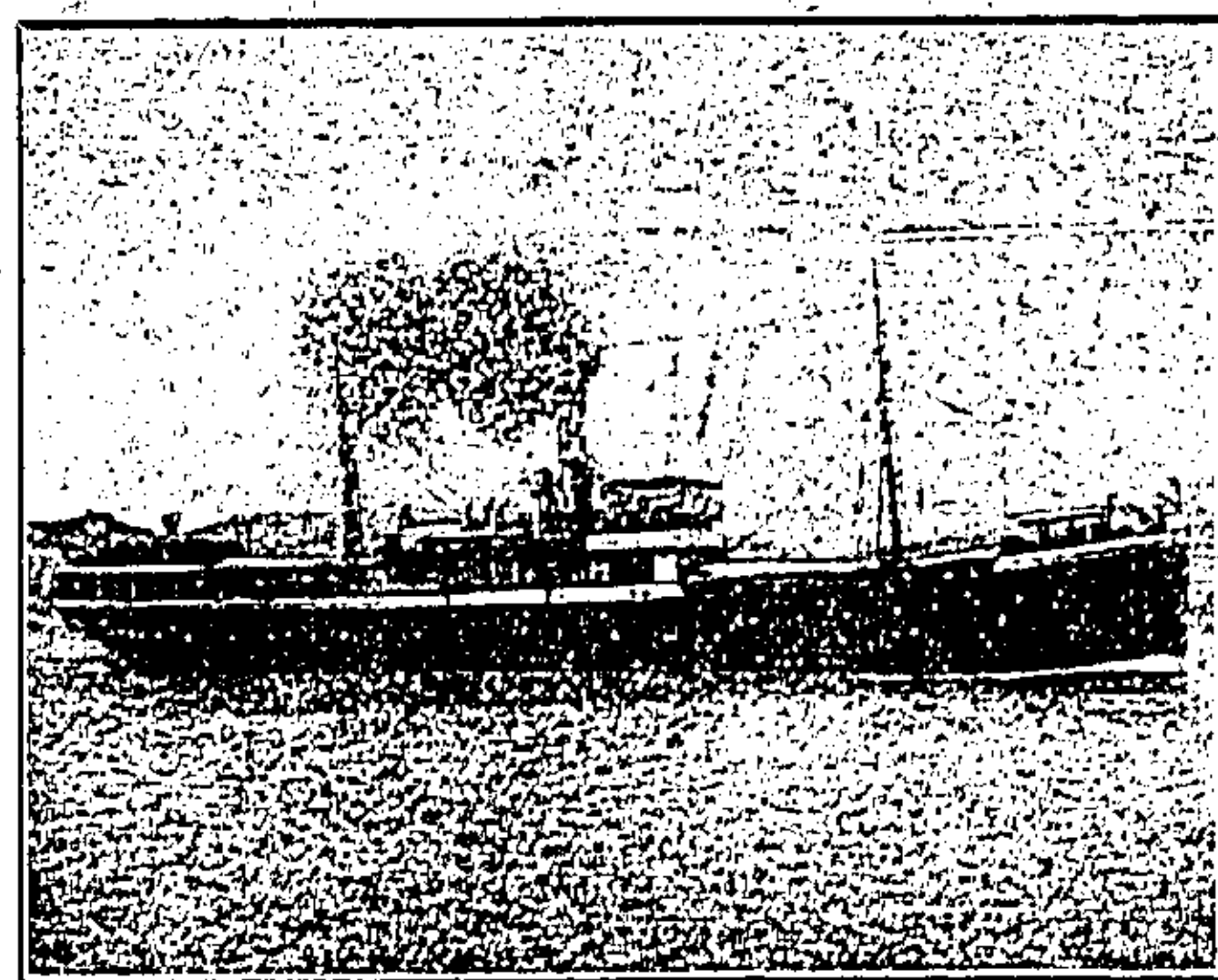
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SHANGHAI	"KINGSANG"	Friday	3rd Dec.	at 9 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"KITSANG"	Saturday	4th Dec.	at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"KITSANG"	Tuesday	7th Dec.	at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"KITSANG"	Tuesday	7th Dec.	at 10 a.m.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"KITSANG"	Tuesday	7th Dec.	at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"KITSANG"	Tuesday	7th Dec.	at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"OHIPSHING"	Wednesday	8th Dec.	at Noon
KOBE	"HOISANG"	Thursday	9th Dec.	at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"KWAISANG"	Thursday	9th Dec.	at Noon
SHANGHAI	"KINGSANG"	Thursday	9th Dec.	at Noon
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"KINGSANG"	Thursday	14th Dec.	at 9 a.m.
KOBE	"KINGSANG"	Saturday	18th Dec.	at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"OHIPSHING"	Monday	20th Dec.	at Noon
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday	22nd Dec.	at 4 p.m.
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"GLENSHIRE"	9th Dec.	"CARMARTHENSIRE"	Noon, 1st Dec.	
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"GLENSHIRE"	25th Dec.	"GLENTARA"	29th Dec.	
"GLENSHIRE"	25th Dec.	"GLENTARA"	29th Dec.	
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"AGRA"	...	15th January, 1927
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"AGRA"	...	1st December
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Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. Arr. as Hg. Kg. and Sailing for Spain and Japan	Probable Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles
PAUL LECAT	...	...	7th Dec., 1926
GENERAL METZINGER	...	...	21st Dec.
AMAZONE	...	...	4th Jan., 1927
ANGERS	...	...	18th Jan., "
L'ARTAGNAN	...	...	1st Feb., "
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M.S. "Malaya"	8th December	...
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M.S. "Danmark"	20th January, 1927	...

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"NELLORE"	8,832	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,133	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Rotterdam.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Rotterdam.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	23rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOBEA"	10,918	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NELLORE"	8,832	3rd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	23rd April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
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"TALAMBA"	8,018	8th Dec.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	16th Dec.	do.
"SHIBALA"	7,841	25th Dec.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	2nd Jan.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	9th Jan.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,856	4th Dec. 4 p.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th Dec.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	23rd Jan.	do.
"TANDA"	6,856	4th Mar.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	23rd April	do.

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"SHIRALA"	7,841	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,914	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	11th Dec.	Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,885	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"TAKADA"	6,949	22nd Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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